

1977

Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

Stag's Leap Vineyards

Cask 23



STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

Produced & bottled by Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Napa, Calif. • Alcohol 13% by volume

October 1983

As with other wines in the Cask series, this is an exceedingly complex wine of great depth, but with supple edges. Like the 1974, it was a selection and blending from the best lots of the vintage. In it, we tried to amplify the style for which this vineyard is noted: iron in the structure, velvet in the flesh, and these two opposite elements held together in an elegant balance and harmony. These stylistic features are enhanced for the first time this year (due, one supposes, to the increasing age of the vines) with a lovely, cedary complexity in the nose. It is highly reminiscent of the bouquet of the finest Clarets. We believe this wine to be an outstanding example of our pioneering attempts to combine the best qualities of the old world Cabernet Sauvignon with those of the new.

At the 1983 International Wine and Spirit Competition in England, this wine was awarded both a gold medal for the Cabernet class, and the Harry Waugh trophy for the best California red wine in the competition.