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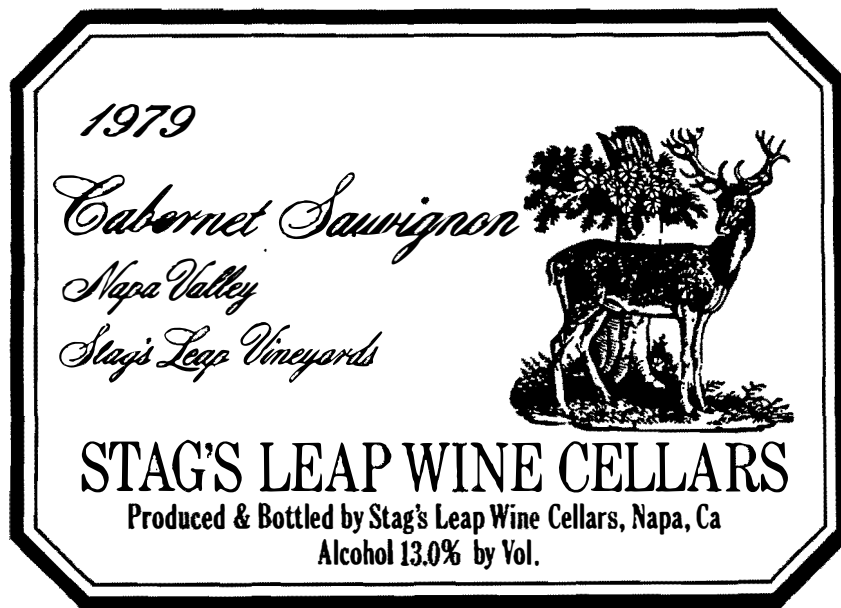
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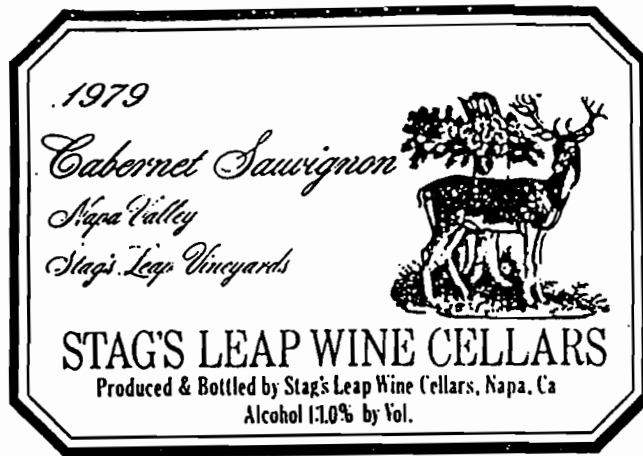
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Stag's Leap Wine Cellars 1979 SLV Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest Dates	10/11/79-10/30/79
Harvest °Brix	22.6°
Initial Acid	0.62 g/100 ml
Initial pH	3.70
Fermentation	Tank Fermented
Malolactic	100%
Barrel Aging	15 months
Barrel Type	FOB & AOB
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Composition	98.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.5% Merlot
Alcohol	12.9%
Acid	0.61 g/100 ml
pH	3.55
Residual Sugar	Dry
Date Bottled	3/16/82-4/1/82, 6/15/82-6/16/82
Case Production	7072 cases
Release Date	9/82



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This wine begins with a dark to medium color, but you will observe no inky tendencies here. A reserved, but still beautifully spicy and typical Petite Sirah nose follows; and to the taste, the characteristic tannic spine, but moderated by a layer of fleshy fruit -- without, however, any trace of the jammy qualities to which the variety is sometimes subject. In fact, the overall impression in the mouth is remarkably Claret-like although unmistakably Petite Sirah in flavor. Since it is a wine of balance and proportion, it will serve admirably to accompany a wide range of foods and menus.