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1984 STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS SLV CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Referring to our 1984's as "superb", Robert Parker has described the vintage as "exciting" for Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with wines that are stylistically rich, ripe, voluptuous, and tannic. We are pleased with all our Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' releases from this year, but are especially fond of our own vineyards' 1984 SLV Cabernet Sauvignon.

The color of ripe blackberries, this Cabernet is nicely introduced by spicy-current like aromas. Rich but refined fruit is accentuated by our successful new aging regime (using younger average age French oak barrels with slightly increased toast levels). Cassis-like flavors, highlighted by appropriate acidity, progress to a lengthy and pleasing finish.

The steady warm ripening season of 1984 provided us with an outstanding example of our estate bottled SLV Cabernet Sauvignon. You will find the rich fruit and sturdy backbone excitingly comparable to the 1978 vintage.