STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

The Story of S.L.V.

Planted in 1970, this vineyard achieved international fame when three-year-old vines from the 1973 harvest produced a wine that bested some of France's greatest Bordeaux in a 1976 blind tasting that has become known as the *"Judgment of Paris."* The stunning victory launched Stag's Leap wine Cellars into the ranks of the world's most noteworthy Cabernet Sauvignon producers. Today, this history-making vineyard continues to produce wines with layers of complexity, spicy intensity and firm structure — promising long life and ageability.

Vineyards & Winemaking

Located in the heart of what is now the Stags Leap District, S.L.V. soils are made up, in part, of volcanic earth which contributes the "fire"- like qualities of great structure, concentration, and intensity. The vineyard has undergone a gradual, decade-long replanting program. This year's blend is composed primarily of fruit from blocks 1A and 2A. Planted in the early 1990s, they are now in their peak growing years and producing fruit of outstanding character.

The Vintage

Flooding kicked off the New Year in Napa Valley, which made for great news headlines, but caused no damage to dormant vines. Cool, wet weather delayed bud break by a few weeks, but sunshine returned by early June. In July, a record-setting heat wave lasted about ten days, which helped the vines catch up to a "normal" place in the typical growing season. Mild weather returned in August, continuing throughout the fall which allowed for moderately paced, deliberate ripening and a long harvest period.

The Wine

A sweet, rich perfume of Bing cherry, blackberry, cassis, and rhubarb leads to savory aromas of licorice, cedar, truffles and toasted almonds. Similar flavors coat the palate with additional notes of cocoa powder and vanilla. The wine is generous in character and framed by silky, smooth tannins.

Appellation & Blend Date	Barrel Ageing	Alcohol	Release
Stags Leap District *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*	*24 months* *100% French oak*	*14.5%*	*October 2009*