

# STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

## 2011 FAY APOLOGUE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

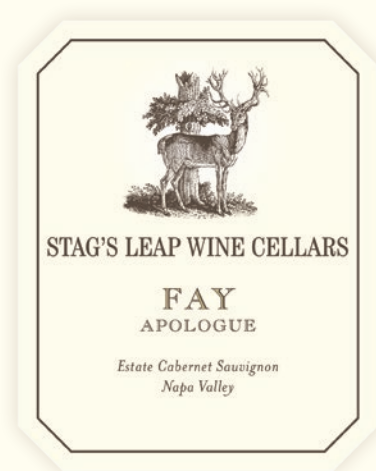
An Apologue is a dramatic story meant to convey a useful lesson or truth. And so goes the story of Nathan Fay, the grape-growing pioneer who first planted Cabernet Sauvignon in the region now known as the Stags Leap District. At the time, there were those who scoffed at the notion of planting Cabernet in the cooler climate south of Yountville. Nathan proved the skeptics wrong by growing grapes and producing wines of extraordinary flavor and texture. The FAY vineyard and Stags Leap District would become recognized as one of the world's great areas for Cabernet. Today, FAY, along with the S.L.V. vineyard, produces the grapes for Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' iconic Cabernet Sauvignons.

### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

The FAY Vineyard is where the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars story began. There are 26 main Cabernet Sauvignon blocks within the FAY vineyard, and the blocks on the east side contribute characteristics that we ascribe to the vines planted in regions where the soils were born of volcanic origin or "Fire." The berries are a bit smaller which leads to more concentration and structure. This wine was crafted from select blocks from the "Upper," "Middle," and "Lower" blocks of the FAY vineyard to bring depth and complexity to this wine. Specifically, the grapes were selected from FAY 4A (now replanted), 8AB, 3A, 3B and 8C1. After fermentation, the lots were aged for 20 months in 95% new French oak barrels.

### WINE

This wine opens with alluring aromas of raspberry, cedar and green olive. Classically styled, this Cabernet Sauvignon has bright acidity with toasted cherry and crème brûlée flavors. The finish is long with notes of cocoa. Glazed beef short ribs would be a perfect accompaniment to this wine.



<b>HARVEST DATES:</b>	<i>Oct. 16 – Nov. 2, 2011</i>
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	<i>13.3%</i>
<b>pH:</b>	<i>3.62</i>
<b>TITRATABLE ACIDITY:</b>	<i>0.54 g / 100 mL</i>
<b>FERMENTATION:</b>	<i>100% stainless steel tank</i>
<b>MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:</b>	<i>100%</i>
<b>BARREL AGING:</b>	<i>20 months 95% new French oak</i>
<b>BLEND:</b>	<i>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	<i>Napa Valley (100% estate grown; 100% Stags Leap District)</i>
<b>SUGGESTED RETAIL:</b>	<i>\$115 per bottle</i>
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<i>May 2015</i>
<b>CASES:</b>	<i>500</i>