

STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

2014 DISTINGUISHED VINEYARDS

SODA CANYON RANCH VINEYARDS

We are fortunate to source grapes from some of the best Cabernet Sauvignon growers in the Napa Valley. To honor the vineyards that stand out, each year we will produce the *Distinguished Vineyards* wines. In 2014, we chose Soda Canyon Ranch Vineyards on Atlas Peak as one of those vineyards.

VINEYARDS AND WINEMAKING

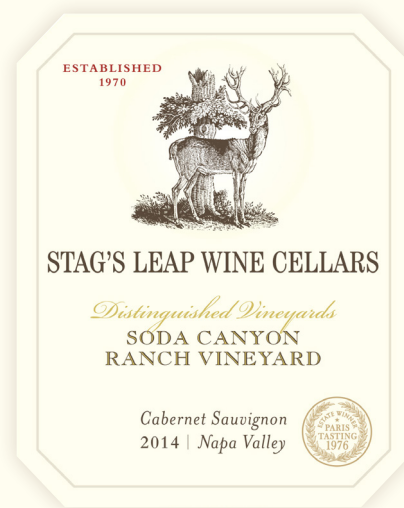
The Soda Canyon Ranch Vineyards are set high up on Atlas Peak in Napa Valley. The vineyard is on a very steep slope with rocky, volcanic soil that gets great exposure to sunlight, yielding small berries that lead to an intense wine with a very distinct personality. The vineyard is owned by the Thornberry Family and this is one of the most unique sites from which we source grapes. This Cabernet is complex with bold tannins, and notes of wild sage and huckleberry. The grapes were harvested on September 29. After fermentation, the wine was aged for 21 months in 100% new French oak.

VINTAGE


2014 was the third in a string of excellent vintages in Napa Valley. After a bone-dry winter and several years of drought conditions, much needed rain arrived in March that filled the soils with moisture. The rain fell at the perfect time and changed the direction of the growing season. In January, the winery team was strategizing to farm for small canopies, tannic fruit and low yields due to the drought. With the March rains, however, the focus in the vineyards shifted to controlling crop size and managing vine vigor. While 2014 was a warm year, there were no extreme heat events. Daytime highs were average yet evenings weren't as cool as normal, giving the vines an ideal growing climate. This allowed the grape varieties to ripen one after another, so grapes were picked and brought into the winery when they were ready. The resulting wines are of extremely high quality with ripe fruit flavors (at lower sugar levels), elegant tannins and great balance.

WINE

This Cabernet Sauvignon offers complex aromas of sage, dark cherry, dusty cocoa, clove and fig. On the palate, the wine has bright acidity and a flavorful mouthfeel loaded with the signature huckleberry, wild sage and currant notes of the vineyard. Enjoy with grilled flank steak, prosciutto and sage-wrapped pork tenderloin, or risotto with parmesan and herbs.



HARVEST:	<i>September 29, 2014</i>
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PH:	3.83
TITRATABLE ACIDITY:	0.58 g/100ml
BARREL AGING: <i>(100% new)</i>	21 months in French oak
BLEND:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
CASES PRODUCED:	479 CASES
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$110 per bottle
RELEASE DATE:	March 2018


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