## STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS 2015 ARMILLARY RED BLEND NAPA VALLEY

This ARMILLARY Red Blend is crafted especially for our wine club members. An armillary is a metal cage around a globe consisting of a spherical framework of rings representing lines of celestial longitude and latitude, as well as other astronomically important features. As the FAY and S.L.V. Estate Vineyards are the center of our world at Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, a concentrated blend of the two could be considered our armillary, guiding and influencing everything we do.

## VINEYARDS AND WINEMAKING

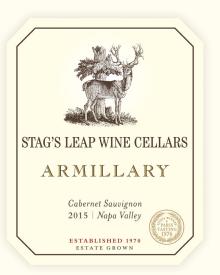
ARMILLARY is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from FAY and S.L.V. that was co-fermented after the first press, resulting in a bold wine with notes of chocolate and sweet berries that will age well over time. The wine is 68% FAY and 32% S.L.V. and was aged for 20 months in 83% new and 17% older French oak barrels.

## VINTAGE

Overall, 2015 was a year with lower than usual crop size but with high quality fruit. The growing season was hot and dry and harvest started and ended early. A very warm and relatively dry winter led to early bud break but, conversely, temperatures were abnormally low during the bloom period in May. During this extended bloom, there were two small rain events that resulted in a high incidence of 'shatter,' reducing tonnage. While it was a challenging vintage, by continually adjusting to the challenges and employing best practices, the grapes brought into the winery were of high quality.

## WINE

This Cabernet Sauvignon offers aromas of roasted nuts, berry preserves, nutmeg, mocha and cinnamon. The wine has great density with youthful tannins and a powerful, lingering finish with a touch of graphite and currant. Enjoy with a bone-in Rib Eye, hearty pasta or herb-crusted pork roast.



Harvest:	September 9-22, 2015
Alcohol:	14.9%
рН:	3.82
TA:	0.48 g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	20 months in 83% new and 17% older French oak barrels
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
Cases Produced:	745 cases
Suggest Retail:	\$145 per bottle
Release Date:	March 2019

Marcus Notaro Winemaker