

# STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

## 2016 WINEMAKER SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON, LOT #1

Crafted especially for our wine club members, the Winemaker Series allows us to select interesting lots and to create unique blends. This is like taking a walk through the vineyard, experiencing the unique characteristics that define Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' world-class vineyards. These wines often spend more time in barrel and offer a great juxtaposition to our classic Stag's Leap Wine Cellars offerings.

### VINEYARDS AND WINEMAKING

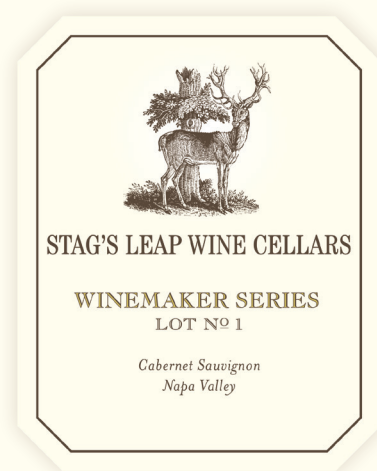
The 2016 Winemaker Series, Lot #1 Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, primarily from the Kelham vineyard in Oakville. It was aged for 20 months in new French oak.

### VINTAGE

Although bud-break in Napa Valley was early in 2016, the season was much cooler than normal. We didn't get the usual high heat in July and August, which provided for a longer hang time for the grapes. Overall, quality was high and particularly at our FAY and S.L.V. estate vineyards. The grapes in FAY and S.L.V. ripened uniformly and while yields were a bit lower than average, the flavors were great, and the tannins were soft and supple. The harvest was smooth and progressed from varietal to varietal with the Sauvignon Blanc coming in first, then the Chardonnay, and time in between to transition to the reds. In late September, we started bringing in Cabernet Sauvignon from across the valley for our ARTEMIS Cabernet Sauvignon and it was interesting that the grapes – all the way from the cooler Coombsville area up to the warmer parts of St. Helena – ripened at the same time. We completed the Cabernet harvest in October.

### WINE

This Cabernet Sauvignon has generous aromas of dried dark fruit, licorice, boysenberry preserves and ripe fig. The wine has a lush, flavorful entry with a concentrated mid palate loaded with more dark fruit. There's a pleasing coffee liquor note on the finish. Enjoy with herb-crusted pork roast, duck confit or grilled Portobello mushrooms tossed in olive oil with fresh rosemary.



<b>HARVEST DATES:</b>	<i>October 12, 2016</i>
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	<i>15.2%</i>
<b>PH:</b>	<i>3.95</i>
<b>TA:</b>	<i>0.48 g / 100 mL</i>
<b>BARREL AGING:</b>	<i>20 months in 100% new French oak</i>
<b>BLEND:</b>	<i>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	<i>Napa Valley</i>
<b>CASES:</b>	<i>285</i>
<b>SUGGESTED RETAIL:</b>	<i>\$75 per bottle</i>
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<i>May 2019</i>