

# STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

## 2019 FAY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The FAY Vineyard is where the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars story began. Established by pioneering grape grower Nathan Fay in 1961, it was the first planting of Cabernet Sauvignon in what is now the Stags Leap District. At the time, conventional wisdom maintained that the area was too cool for Cabernet Sauvignon. But tasting Nathan Fay's homemade Cabernet in 1969 was a defining moment for the founder of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. Here was land capable of producing a wine that could rival the best in the world. Within a year an adjoining ranch, now known as S.L.V., was purchased. And, in 1986, the winery purchased Nathan Fay's vineyard and named it FAY in his honor. The first vintage of a single vineyard FAY Cabernet Sauvignon was 1990, making this 2019 offering the 30th vintage of FAY.

### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

FAY Vineyard remains one of the great Napa Valley vineyards, producing fruit with an abundance of supple red and black berry character, voluptuous perfume and a luscious, fine-grained texture. The grapes were primarily sourced from Blocks 2C, 6, 8, 3B, 3A, 5A and 2B, which combined, give the wine its classic red-fruit tones and aromatic top notes as well as its structure. When the various lots are blended and aged in French oak barrels, the resulting wine gives us the classic expression that is a hallmark of our estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon, "an iron fist in a velvet glove."

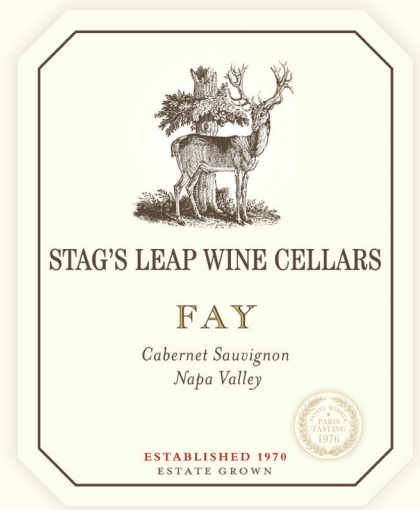
With this vintage, Winemaker Marcus Notaro used careful barrel selection to marry the unique characters of FAY Vineyard to the barrel type and toast level to further enhance the fruit in the wine. The wine was aged for 21 months in new French oak.

### VINTAGE

Spring in Napa Valley was wet with significant rain that increased canopy growth and caused some shatter during bloom in the vineyards. Our vineyard team worked diligently to balance canopies and fruit load, and to expose the fruit to the sun at the right time. Following this wet and cool start to the year that resulted in a lot of vigor, the summer gave way to near ideal growing conditions. Like 2018, a long growing season allowed for grapes to reach optimal ripeness. Yields were less than 2018 and harvest was later than usual. The main challenge this harvest was powering wineries with generators, as the power company shut off electricity to mitigate any potential fires due to high winds. Fires in upper Sonoma did not affect northern Napa Valley vineyards, and winds kept smoke out of the valley. Overall quality is quite high. Whites are aromatic and crisp, and Cabernet has beautiful dark fruit aromas, nice complexity, and more richness than 2018.

### WINE

The 2019 FAY Cabernet Sauvignon delivers fragrant aromas of ripe raspberry and boysenberry along with hints of jasmine, gardenia and nutmeg. The wine has a lively mouthfeel with polished tannins, a juicy mid-palate and a silky finish bursting with red fruits and berries. Try pairing this estate-grown Cabernet with Baby Back Ribs with Saba Glaze, Maple Soy Glazed Salmon or Eggplant Parmesan.



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| <b>HARVEST DATES:</b>           | <i>October 4 to 28, 2019</i>                                  |
| <b>ALCOHOL:</b>                 | <i>14.5%</i>  |
| <b>PH:</b>                      | <i>3.63</i>   |
| <b>TA:</b>                      | <i>0.52 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>21 months<br/>100% new French oak</i>                      |
| <b>BLEND:</b>                   | <i>100% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>                                |
| <b>APPELLATION:</b>             | <i>Stags Leap District,<br/>Napa Valley<br/>(100% estate)</i> |
| <b>RELEASE DATE:</b>            | <i>May 2022</i>   |
| <b>CASES PRODUCED:</b>          | <i>2,700</i>  |

MARCUS NOTARO  
WINEMAKER