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**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**  
Stags Leap District

#### THE WINE

Always the most accessible of our Napa Cabernets. Defined by its subtlety, this bottling offers bright red fruits, graceful mouthfeel, and sinewy tannins.

#### SOURCING

Volcanic benchland vineyards on the west of the Vaca Range

#### VINEYARD NOTES

From a collection of tiny vineyard blocks encompassing several row orientations and slopes, all carefully planted to optimize sun exposure, in soil that is composed of ancient volcanic alluvial runoff.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The culmination of factors from another drought year in California surprised us with a beautiful vintage. An unseasonably dry and mild winter, which led to an early spring, forced the vines into bud break during peak frost season. A relatively warm, but even summer, resulted in early harvest dates, with lower-than-average yields.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented in small 4-6 ton open top fermenters. Maintained moderate temperature until dry, and then basket pressed. Aged in 60% new French oak for 18 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

Vivid and striking with notes of cherry and freshly crushed blackberry. Integrated tannins with toasted hazelnut and leather offer a earthy contrast to the subtle vanilla and cacao nib on the finish.

#### RELEASE DATE

March 2024



**BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.6°**

**pH: 3.77**

**TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2 g/L**

**ALCOHOL: 14.5%**