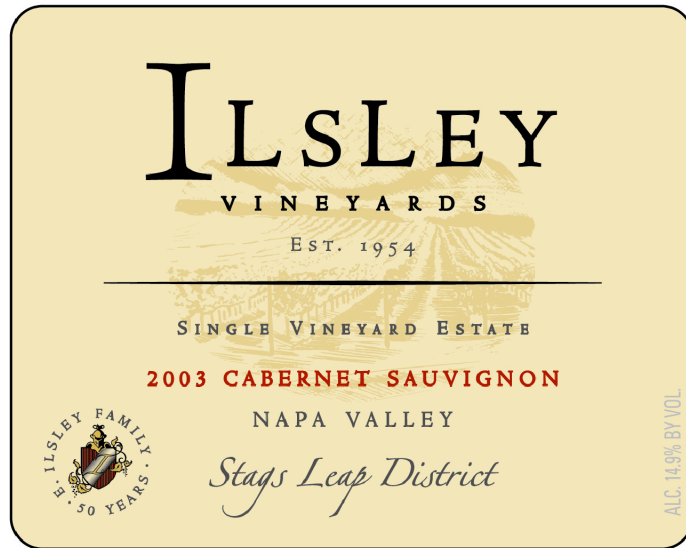


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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2003  
Appellation: Stags Leap District  
Blend: Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon  
Winemaker: Craig MacLean  
Production: 325 Cases  
Harvest Date: September 25 to  
October 10, 2003  
Brix: Average 25.1  
ph: 3.8

The 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon displays the full fruit with ultra-refined tannins that are Stags Leap hallmarks. The color is extremely dense and the nose is rich with dark cocoa and dried black fruit. The entry is seamless and silky with black cherry, currant, glycerin rich black plum and melt in your mouth dark chocolate flavors. There is enough detailed acidity to suggest a nice long life in the bottle.

### Vintage Notes From David Ilsley

The 2003 harvest turned out to be a classic Napa Valley harvest. Which, frankly, having grown grapes for many years, we can tell you doesn't happen as often as one would like. This year, though, the days were warm and the nights cool. As we entered fall, the marine layer moved in, keeping the mornings cool as well. This welcome friend allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and extended their hang time on the vine. We waited patiently for the sugar and acid levels to be in perfect balance before we harvested. In the end, after a perfect finale to a superb growing season, the grapes were harvested.

### Ilsley Vineyards

Nestled in the fertile hills of Napa Valley's Stags Leap District lie the Ilsley Vineyards. For three generations our family has provided grapes for some of Napa Valley's finest wines. Now after fifty years of farming, we have hand-selected grapes from our hillside vineyards to produce our own Cabernet Sauvignon that we believe captures the essence of the Stags Leap District.

### Our History

In the 1950's our grandfather Ernest Ilsley purchased forty acres in Stags Leap just off Silverado Trail. By 1962, the Ilsley family bought the adjacent vineyard which was planted with the then popular varieties Carignane and Zinfandel. These grapes were sold to Charles Krug Winery. An off-hand suggestion by Robert Mondavi early in his career resulted in the replanting of the vineyards to produce Cabernet Sauvignon.

*We are proud of our vineyards and the fruit that they bear.*



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