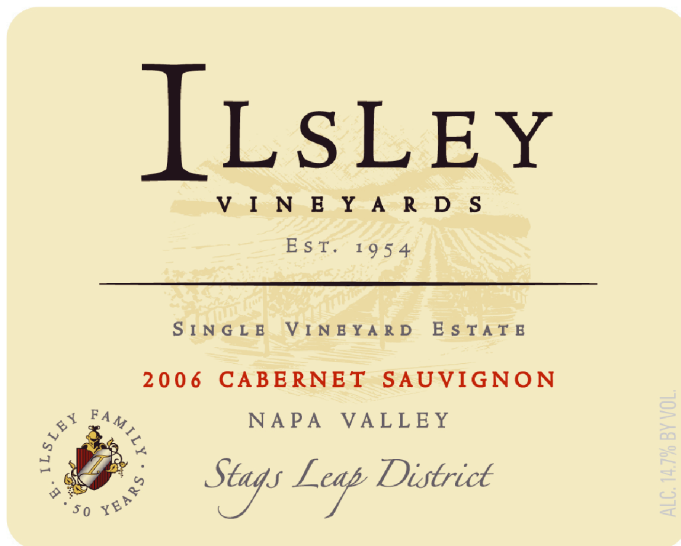


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2006

Appellation: Stags Leap District

Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot

Winemaker: Craig MacLean

Production: 230 Cases

Harvest Date: October 5-6

Brix: Average 25.7

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The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is a real stunner. Let's just say that Mother Nature had a major roll in creating this amazing wine. To suggest, "Bordeaux like" is not far fetched, for this wine demonstrates grace and elegance with the big red fruit we've come to recognize in our Cabernet. This is the most complex vintage to date.

Tasting notes

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon is very complex with aroma of rose petals, black cherry, cranberry, red licorice and dried herbs. Barrel spice of white pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg and caramel fill the nostrils with happiness. The pallet explodes with bright red fruit, pepper and brown sugar with lively acidity. Sumptuous is the only word to describe this wonderful wine.

Vintage notes

2006 began somewhat sluggish, in that a cool spring slowed the vines wish to push from their winter sleep to a snails pace. This was actually a good thing, for the risk of frost damage was greatly reduced, The growing season was met with some hot spells, but overall, 2006 was an ideal year: cool from start to finish resulting in a long hang time. To put it simply: 2006 was magic.

Ilsley Vineyards

Located in the Vaca Mountain foothills 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.

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



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