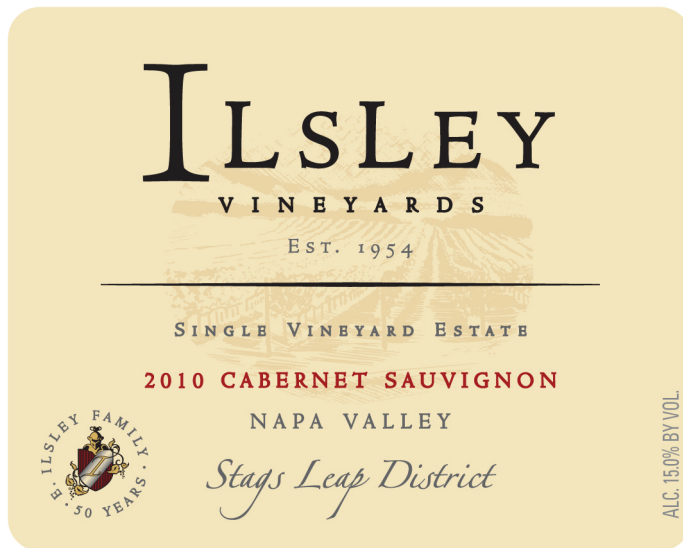


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2010
Appellation: Stags Leap District
Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Malbec, 1% Merlot
Winemaker: Heather Pyle
Production: 186 Cases
Alcohol: 15.0%
Average Brix: 26.8
pH: 3.70
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most iconic varietal grown in the Napa Valley and the Stag's Leap District offers a distinctive, fruit focused, powerful yet soft version of this noble grape. We at Ilsley Vineyards found that the cooler than average spring and summer temperatures in 2010 extended the growing season, helping to create mature, mouth-filling tannins and aromatic complexity. For some parts of California the generally cool summer created challenges in achieving ripeness but at the Ilsley Ranch, which faces west, the long, albeit cool days resulted in near ideal conditions for softness and richness in Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

Tasting notes The 2010 Ilsley Vineyards Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon maximizes complexity with aromas ranging from bright ripe plum and black cherry to sage, cocoa, vanilla, clove and cedar. The cooler growing season brought layers of spice to compliment the red fruit focus known in Stag's Leap Cabernets. On the palate, the wine is remarkably rich from the entry to the finish with cherry fruit and warm spices.

Vintage notes With a normal amount of rain in the winter of 2010, which extended into a cool spring, bud break was delayed slightly. The warmth of sunny days arrived in early summer, with perfect timing for blooms in early June. Temperatures dipped again in July and stayed below normal until the end of August, when temperatures suddenly rose to 105 - 110 degrees, causing sunburn to some vineyards. Luckily, our Cabernet Sauvignon fruit did not experience any severe damage and veraison was completed by the end of August. With September and October offering dry and mild conditions, allowing Ilsley Vineyards to harvest all of our grapevines before fall rains returned to the Valley.

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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