

ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

EST. 1954

2010 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2010

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon,

11% Malbec

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Production: 25 Cases

Alcohol: 15.4%

Brix: Average 26.5

pH: 3.74

Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Tasting notes: This wine has classic Stag's Leap District fruit focus with ripe raspberry and Santa Rosa plum married with clove, allspice and a touch of vanilla. The rich and dense with mouth-filling soft tannins and warm red fruit notes. The finish is long and dense ending in a warm glow.

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.

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

