

# ILLSLEY

V I N E Y A R D S

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## *2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve*

Vintage: 2009

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
6% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Production: 25 Cases

Alcohol: 15.4%

Brix: Average 26.2

pH: 3.67

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

### **Tasting notes**

This wine personifies Stag's Leap with sweet Bing cherry and ripe Santa Rosa plum aromas with touches of sage and vanilla. The wine enters the mouth with firm ripe tannins and red fruit flavors combining to give an impression of a liveliness that awakens the palate. The mid palate is warm and mouth-filling and the finish goes on forever.

### **Vintage notes**

2009 was our third consecutive season of below average rainfall. Fortunately there was enough late winter rains to begin the year with sufficient soil moisture so we saw nice early season growth. Spring was mild and provided ideal bloom time weather. A long cool Summer had just enough warm spells to fully ripen the fruit before the late October rains. As we often see, the lighter than average crop showed concentration and complexity as well as the silky Stags Leap tannins we expect from our hillside vineyards.

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

