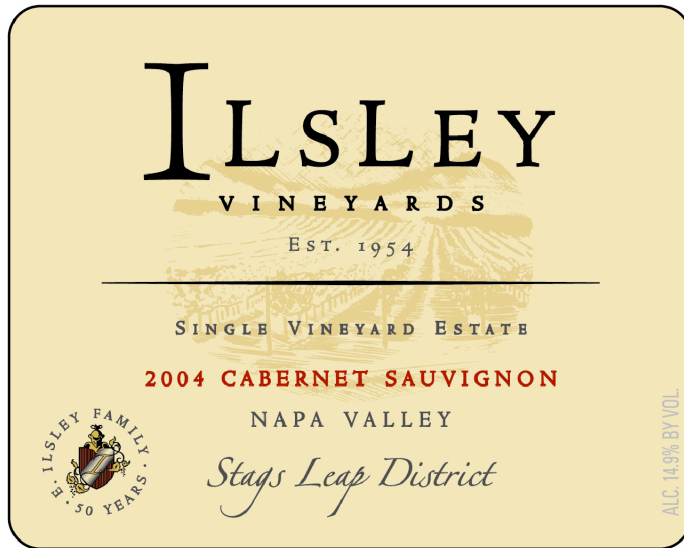


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2004
Appellation: Stags Leap District
Blend: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Petit Verdot
Winemaker: Craig MacLean
Production: 387 Cases
Harvest Date: September 5 to
September 22, 2004
Brix: Average 25.2
ph: 3.87

The 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon has the trademark Stags Leap tannin and structure. The color is a dark ruby red with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, currant, toasty oak and vanilla. This wine is concentrated and dense without being heavy or cloying. It's perfectly balanced with a long, lush finish felt throughout the entire mouth. Enjoy this wine now or cellar it another 20 years.

Vintage notes from David Ilsley

The 2004 vintage at Ilsley Vineyards was filled with anticipation. Exciting new hillside vineyard blocks were reaching maturity that would add complexity to our estate Cabernet Sauvignon. We harvested and fermented seven separate unique blocks of Cabernet, Malbec, Petite Verdot and Merlot from the vineyard our grandfather founded more than fifty years ago. An early bud break, followed by a long summer of warm dry days produce balanced fruit. The early September heat spike had everyone excited, but we have learned through experience to be patient and wait to allow the grapes to reach full maturity.

While the core of this wine still comes from the twenty year old vines our father planted, the new vineyards with varying sun exposures and clones allow our wine maker, Craig MacLean, to craft a wine from the best grapes our vineyard produces. Mature fruit flavors and good acidity were evident as we hand harvested the fruit a few days earlier than usual.

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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