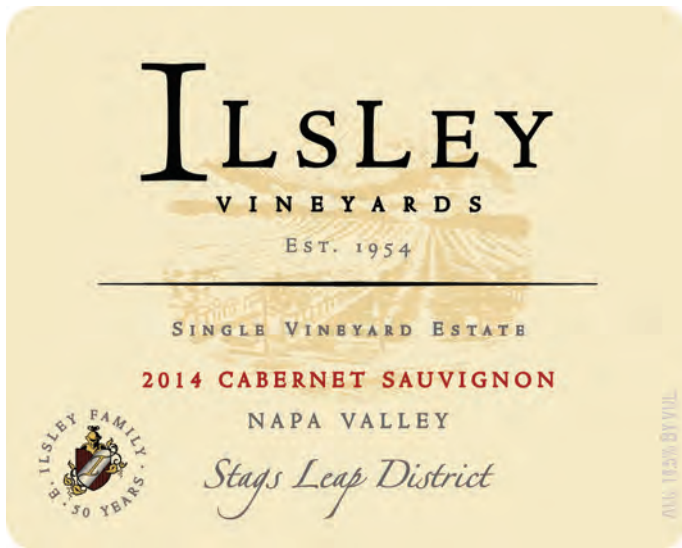# ILSLEY
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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES
2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage: 2014
Harvest Dates: September 8 to 30
Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District
Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon,
    6% Malbec
Winemaker: Heather Pyle
Bottling Date: July 8, 2016
Production: 352 Cases
Alcohol: 14.5%
Average Brix: 25.6
pH: 3.70
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L

Tasting Notes

Inky in color, the 2014 Ilsley Cabernet Sauvignon brings the power or hillside fruit together with the bright, fruit-forward personality of Stag's Leap. The aromas are of ripe raspberry, plum and allspice with a touch of leather and vanilla. Big and rich on entry, this wine has structure and acidity for many years of aging.

Vintage Notes

Following this past winters record rainfall it hard to remember that the 2014 vintage was smack in the middle of the historic California drought. Fortunately, here in the Napa Valley, February and March brought a period of heavy rain, exactly when the vines needed it most, just prior to bud break. The much needed late winter rains were followed by a rather mild spring that allowed the vines to develop average canopies. Warm summer days and cool nights provided near perfect ripening conditions. Harvest began the first week of September, about a week earlier than normal. The effects of the drought were barley noticeable, the crop load was above average and the Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon were in pristine condition. Following 2012 and 2013, the 2014 vintage again proved how fortunate we are to make wine in Stags Leap.

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.