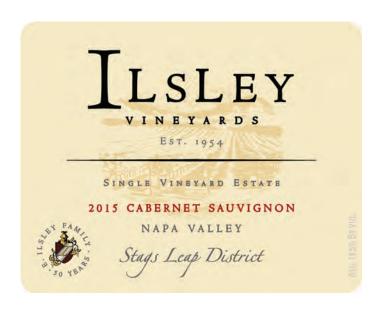


## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2015

Harvest Dates: September 9 to 19Appellation: 100% Stags Leap DistrictBlend: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon,18% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker: Heather Pyle Bottling Date: June 27, 2017 Production: 188 Cases of 750ml

**Alcohol:** 14.5% **Average Brix:** 25.9

**pH:** 3.54

Total Acidity: 7.3 g/L

## **Tasting Notes**

Dense blue tinted garnet, this wine is very beautiful in the glass. The aromas are Bing cherry and raspberry with light cedar and a touch of sage. The mouth is very full and fleshy with firm acidity and structure to pair with your most decadent meat dishes and rich sauces. This wine will age a very long time and will benefit from being put away, out of site for 3-5 years if you can.

## Vintage Notes

Following 3 abundant harvests, Mother Nature put her stamp on the 2015 vintage with cool spring weather during flowering that led to poor fruit set. The result was "loose" clusters with fewer berries than previous years. Fortunately summer was uneventful, cool nights and dry warm days allowed the fruit to fully ripen with great color and concentration of flavors. As expected with a small crop, harvest began a bit early with Merlot picked the first week of September. A few hot days accelerated the pace then Malbec and Cabernet followed shortly after.

## **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 sixty 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.

