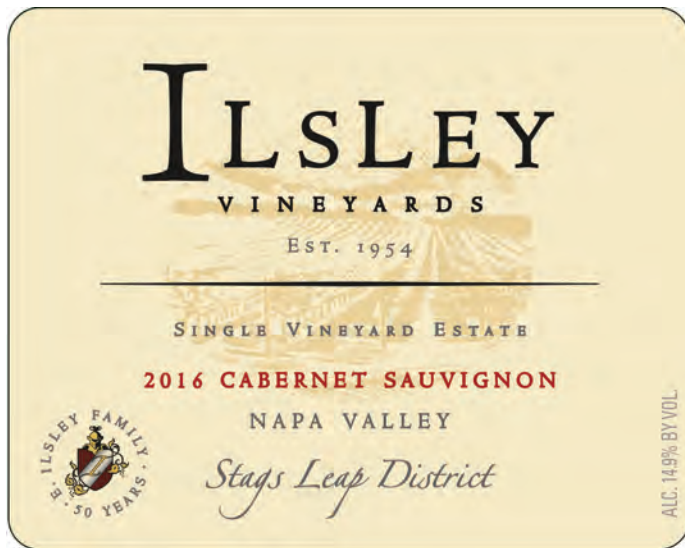


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Vintage: 2016

Harvest Dates: September 16 to 28

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon,
13% Malbec

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Bottling Date: June 27, 2017

Production: 236 Cases of 750ml

Alcohol: 14.9%

Average Brix: 25.7

pH: 3.77

Total Acidity: 6.6 g/L

Tasting Notes

2016 was a later harvest than 2015 for Ilsley Vineyards by about 2 weeks. The wines reflect this greater 'hang time' by lower acidity and even more density than the previous year. The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon's color is a very dense crimson, clear but opaque due to the density of the color, which is not unusual for this beautifully grown hillside fruit. The aromas are dark bright cherries, ripe blueberry and blackberry on the nose with just a hint of mint. The wine is soft and rich on entry with a mouth-filling, dense palate, finishing with firm tannins to pair with everything from traditional steak and potatoes to bright fruit sauces on duck or pork. 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

The 2016 vintage provided ideal growing conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Merlot. Sufficient winter rains filled the soil with moisture for budbreak and mild springtime temperatures resulted in a "good set." Mild weather continued to be a theme though out summer and fall. Average growing conditions produced average yields and normal harvest dates allowing for ideal ripeness.

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.



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