

ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

EST. 1954

2015 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage: 2015

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Malbec, 1% Merlot

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Barrels: 100% New French Oak for 21 months

Production: 49 Cases

Alcohol: 14.5%

Brix: Average 26.5

pH: 3.71

Total Acidity: 6.6 g/L

Tasting notes: The 2015 Ilsley Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Block 4 is a very dark ruby, almost too dark to see through. The aromas are of ripe raspberry and Santa Rosa plum with cocoa and a touch of cedar/sage spice. The feel is very round and rich with red fruits on the pallet and a lingering, slightly cranberry like finish. This wine will age gracefully for decades to come but has the balance and fruit to be enjoyed now with a big steak or a very special hamburger.

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.

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