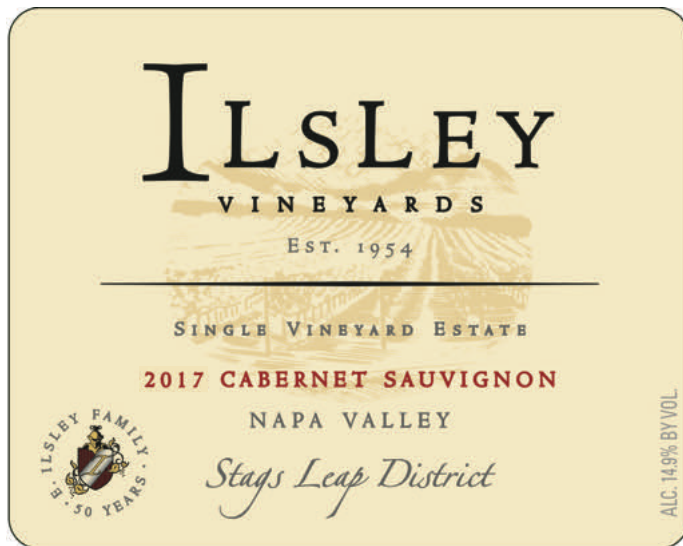


# ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**Vintage:** 2017

**Harvest Dates:** September 28  
to October 7

**Appellation:** 100% Stags Leap District

**Blend:** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
12% Merlot, 8% Malbec

**Winemaker:** Heather Pyle

**Bottling Date:** July 9, 2019

**Production:** 256 Cases of 750ml

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Average Brix:** 25.3

**pH:** 3.76

**Total Acidity:** 6.2 g/L

### Tasting Notes

Dense crimson color from the Ilsley hillside vineyard, this wine is displayed beautifully in the glass. Aromas of dark cherry, ripe berry with a hint of mint on the finish. This wine displays energetic inviting tannin on entry with full and fleshy mouthfeel. A flavorful and rich berry melody of black cherry flavors, hints of spice and mocha then a touch of oak into the dry and lingering finish. Ideal acidity and structure that you will enjoy with decadent and rich food dishes.

### Vintage Notes

2017 will forever be remembered for the October firestorm, but we like to recall how the season began. Abundant winter rainfall and mild spring temperatures during bloom resulted in vigorous early growth and full clusters. Summer was filled with warm days and cool nights until the first heatwave around Labor Day that got everyone excited for harvest. A few more weeks of “hang time” allowed the fruit to reach levels of maturity and complexity we expect and harvest began in late September for Merlot and Malbec, with the Cabernet followed the 1st week of October. Thankfully, all of our wines were safely in tanks fermenting when the fires began.

### 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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