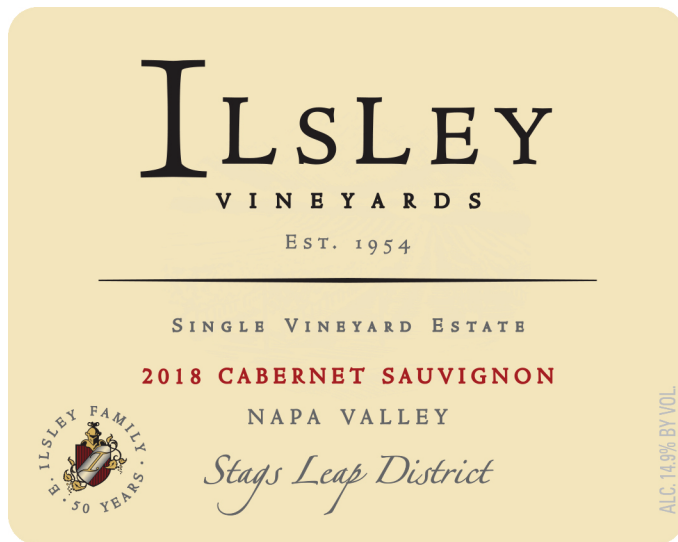


# ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**Vintage:** 2018

**Harvest Dates:** October 12, 18 and 30

**Appellation:** 100% Stags Leap District

**Blend:** 79% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
13% Merlot, 8% Malbec

**Winemaker:** Heather Pyle

**Bottling Date:** June 2, 2020

**Production:** 195 Cases of 750ml

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Average Brix:** 25.7

**pH:** 3.73

**Total Acidity:** 6.8 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

### Tasting Notes

Complex yet approachable, the Ilsley Vineyards 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon excites us with black raspberry, white chocolate, candied cherries, and dusty minerality on the nose, while more developed flavors of pluot, macerated blackberry, earth, dulce de leche, milk chocolate, and graham delight on the palate. A medium-plus mouth feel and youthful tannins revel in a sustained, pleasing finish make this an excellent addition to any cellar. Enjoy with Chateaubriand, venison, or grilled portabello steaks, heavy on the butter.

### Vintage Notes

The year began with welcome winter rains that continued well into spring, resulting in a late bud break. Downpours were quickly followed by idyllic spring weather, with even temperatures, foggy mornings, and sunny daytime skies creating the perfect conditions for a large bloom and fruit set. Continued mild temperatures throughout the summer contributed to extended hang time - more time for the fruit to respire and ripen, developing in both flavor and complexity. A late season burst of heat ensured the white grapes came in right on time. Red grapes came in a few weeks later than normal, with the last grapes picked in late October.

### 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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