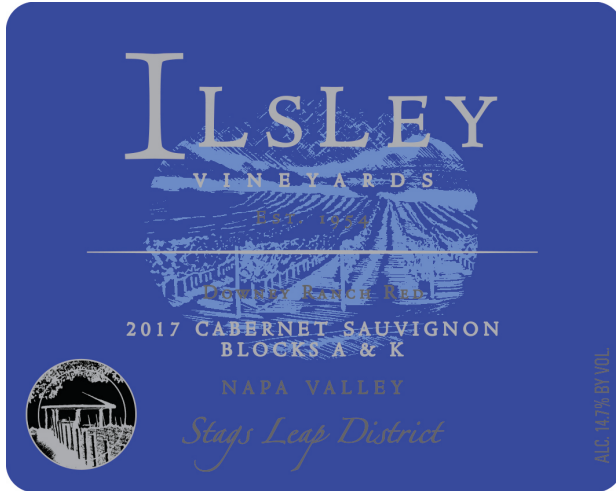


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES Downey Ranch Red 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Blocks A & K



Vintage: 2017

Harvest: September 28 to
October 7, 2017

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon,

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Bottling Date: June 19, 2019

Production: 75 Cases of 750ml

Brix: Average 25.3

pH: 3.67

Total Acidity: 6.6 g/L

Alcohol: 14.7%

Tasting Notes A shining example of Stag's Leap Cabernet, the 2017 Downey Ranch Block A & K incorporates two of the Ilsley family's most beloved vineyard blocks into one amazing creation. On the nose, deep red fruits, ripe brambleberries, cherry bomb candies and vanilla bean set the stage. These flavors ring true on the palate as well, with a basket full of juicy currant and blackberry, vanilla spice, macerated strawberry-rhubarb, light earthy notes, and black cherry cordial. This wine has an absolutely gorgeous garnet color, and a full-bodied mouthfeel attended by elegant tannins and a lingering finish. Without a doubt, it is the last word in structure, strength, and balance. Enjoy now with a butter seared filet mignon and herb-roasted potatoes, or allow it to age gracefully in your cellar for enjoyment in years to come.

Vintage Notes The season began with 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.

Downey Ranch Red Honors All Who Have Come Before

You'll notice a change in the label on the Downey Ranch bottles in your shipment this fall, a change that we are very excited about. Our father's favorite color was blue – the blue of the Stags Leap sky in late summer, when fall is just around the corner, and all of Harvest's possibilities lie ahead. Standing at the gazebo, a place that is dear at heart to both our family and our wine club members, we are able to survey the vineyards, watch the weather, and enjoy every bit of that blue, blue sky.

In that spirit, we have created a new label for our Downey Ranch Red, symbolic of our enduring love for all who have come before us, our appreciation of our club members, and our joy in sharing with you a very special representation of our land and the fruit that it bears.



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