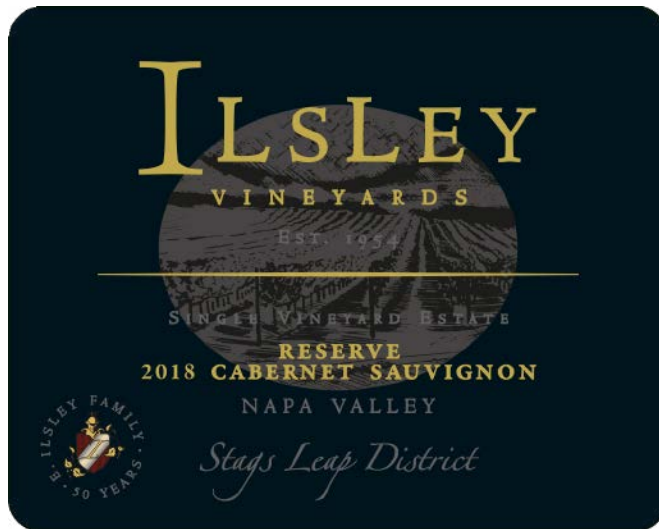


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VINEYARDS

EST. 1954

2018 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



VINTAGE: 2018

HARVEST: October 17 & 30, 2018

APPELLATION: 100% Stags Leap District

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon,
Block A & Old 4

WINEMAKER: Heather Pyle

AVERAGE BRIX: 25.5

PRODUCTION: 45 Cases

PH: 3.37

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.0 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

TASTING NOTES:

Robust and expressive, the 2018 Reserve Cabernet is a full-speed-ahead example of the Stags Leap appellation. Round and bright on the nose, a summer breeze of fresh rose petals and candied cherries gives way to deeper hints of crème de menthe, black pepper, essences of vanilla cola and cinnamon graham. On the palate, a smooth medium-plus mouthfeel is chock full of juicy red plums, cherry cordial, holy basil flowers, superfine earth, lingonberry jam and blackberry tart, and is followed by a lengthy, structured finish enhanced by fine-chain tannins. Enjoy now, or in 2030 and beyond.

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.

OUR RESERVES:

Truly a cabernet for the ages, the hillsides of our vineyards are made up of sandstone and silt loam - volcanic deposits that are millions of years old. These ancient minerals provide the perfect terroir for growing Cabernet. We take the best of our blocks and create something really special - our Ilsley Vineyards Reserve Cabernet. Luxurious, robust, and quintessentially Stags Leap, this ultra-premium wine is made in a refined and elegant style meant to be decantable now, but - much as the soils from which it comes - built to withstand and improve with age.



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