

## Stags Leap District 2019: top Cabernets from this Napa AVA

Ever since the 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars triumphed at the 1976 Paris Tasting, this AVA's renown has grown. Decanter's Napa correspondent Jonathan Cristaldi picks out the top performers in 2019.



Jonathan Cristaldi  
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Plantings in this AVA rise from sea level to 123m, with the craggy, exposed rocks of Stags Leap prominent above the region. Wineries that proudly proclaim the AVA on their labels include **Stag's Leap Wine Cellars** and **Silverado Vineyards**.

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The tannins in **Stags Leap District** Cabernets are nicely structured, with a fine-grained character balanced by the hallmark freshness of the vintage and good minerality.

#### Cristaldi's value picks

94 points Baldacci Family Vineyards, Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley 2019

93 points Chimney Rock, SLD Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley 2019

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Baldacci Family Vineyards, Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley, California, USA 2019

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## Baldacci Family Vineyards, Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley, California, USA 2019

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Tasted by: Jonathan Cristaldi  
(at Napa Valley Vintners office, St Helena, 12 Jun 2022)  
Part of **Stags Leap District 2019: top Cabernets from this Napa AVA**  
Drinking Window: 2022 - 2032

Fragrant blackberry fruit, dried sage, leather, tobacco and lavish oak spics. Satiny, with multidimensional juicy dark blackberry, blueberry and boysenberry fruit. Powerful grippy tannins sneak up and arrest the palate. A long berry-driven finish is tinged with minerals, wild herbs and mocha spices. Quite pleasing.



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Producer	Baldacci Family Vineyards
Brand	Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage	2019
Wine Type	Still
Colour	Red
Country	USA
Region	California
Appellation	Napa Valley
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Natural Cork
Alcohol	14.90%
Body	Full
Oak	Oaked
Grapes	100% Cabernet Sauvignon