

2021 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

Stags Leap District | Napa Valley



The Wine

My intention for each vintage with the Black Label is to create an expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that reflects both the rich history of our Winery Ranch vineyard as well as the iconic Stags Leap District AVA. I strive for the balanced structure that comes from the silky skin tannin married with the complexity of medium-toast French oak. We have twelve distinct vineyard blocks including a rare south-eastern facing slope on our volcanic knoll. Multiple blocks allow me the chance to make multiple passes during harvest and then to ferment a number of small, individual lots which in their own right have unique characteristics that can then be thoughtfully combined.

The 2021 Growing Season

The 2021 vintage was a personal milestone for me as it marked a decade of winemaking at my family's winery. A smooth growing season with low precipitation yielded smaller grapes with intensely concentrated flavors and smaller yields per vine. Quality was high across the board and the wines are approachable and complex now, with the concentration and structure to age.

Tasting Notes

The front palate is the hook: explosive dark berry fruit that grabs my attention. The rich front end of the wine carries through to a long, complex finish. This wine has dimension and ultimately, it is this layered complexity with multiple facets that tie the entire vineyard together into one unified expression of Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Winery Ranch
Harvest Date	October 7, 2021
Cooperage	22 months in 75% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 30, 2023
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.4 g/L
pH	3.66
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	1,042 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Cassis, black plum, wild blackberry, tobacco leaf, baking spice, graphite

Stags Leap District

Winery Ranch

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 29 total acres, 17 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

Vineyard Name: Winery Ranch

Appellation: Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

Climate: Moderately warm with afternoon marine winds to cool the warmer air. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100°F but more regularly are in mid-90° range.

Elevation: Sea level to 400 feet

Rainfall: 30 inches annually

Soils: Volcanic gravel-loams and volcanic on our hillside knoll

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 4, 7, 8, 31, 33, 47, 139, 332, 337

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot

