

BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.4° pH: 3.79 TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.8 g/L ALCOHOL: 13.8%



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2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Stags Leap District

## THE WINE

Always the most accessible of our Napa Cabernets. Defined by its subtlety, this bottling offers bright red fruits, graceful mouthfeel, and sinewy tannins.

## **SOURCING**

Volcanic benchland vineyards on the west of the Vaca Range

## VINEYARD NOTES

From a collection of tiny vineyard blocks encompassing several row orientations and slopes, all carefully planted to optimize sun exposure, in soil that is composed of ancient volcanic alluvial runoff.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **VINTAGE NOTES**

Although we were met with several hurdles, from historical fires to a global pandemic, we will forever recall the vintage to be one of resilience, perseverance, and unity. Shifts in temperature throughout the season resulted in shorter hangtime and lower yields, but the fruit retained bright acidity, resulting in lively wines. Our diligence in testing coupled with a dedicated team proved key to navigating 2020. While quantity may be a bit lessened, quality will not.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented in small 4-6 ton open top fermenters. Maintained moderate temperature until dry, and then basket pressed. Aged in 45% new French oak for 18 months.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Vivid notes of tart cherry and underripe black raspberry and chapparal. Currants and olive leaf with fleshy tannins and white pepper offer a savory finish that contrasts the hints of vanilla.

# **RELEASE DATE**

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