

2012 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon

Stags Leap District | Napa Valley



The Wine

The Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon showcases both the rich history of the Winery Ranch vineyard and the renowned terroir of the Stags Leap District AVA. With twelve distinct vineyard blocks, including a rare southeast-facing slope on a volcanic knoll, the estate's diverse topography allows for precision harvesting and small-lot fermentation. Each lot contributes unique characteristics, which are thoughtfully blended to create a wine of depth and complexity.

The 2012 Growing Season

The 2012 growing season in Napa Valley was nothing short of ideal. A mild spring led to a healthy fruit set, followed by a warm yet balanced summer and a tranquil fall. Without extreme weather events, grapes enjoyed extended hang time, resulting in optimal ripeness and depth of flavor. Cabernet Sauvignon was the standout variety, with deep color, rich structure, and impressive aging potential.

Tasting Notes

The 2012 Black Label offers a rich, savory expression marked by aromas of fig jam and pomegranate syrup layered with piloncillo and umami notes of dried mushroom. On the palate, flavors of dark chocolate and cinnamon evoke mole, adding depth and warmth to the wine's plush core of dark fruit. Rounded tannins and a seamless texture carry through to an elegant finish.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Stags Leap District, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Winery Ranch
Harvest Date	September 20, 2012
Cooperage	20 months in 55% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	July 1, 2014
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.5 g/L
pH	3.63
Residual Sugar	.08 g/L
Production	1,955 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Pomegranate, fig, cassis, dried mushroom, piloncillo, chocolate, cinnamon
Accolades	94 Points Wine Enthusiast, 92 Points Vinous, 91 Points Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Petit Verdot

