



2013 COPPER STREAK VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley



VINEYARD DESCRIPTION

Copper Streak Vineyard is located in a protected hollow at the base of the palisades in Stags Leap District. The soils are composed of Perkins gravelly loam mixed with red, copper-like streaks, which is how the vineyard got its name. The vines receive a western exposure and are of moderate size, yielding loose clusters with small berries. The climate in Stags Leap is very warm. However, midafternoon breezes sweep in to cool things down, allowing for excellent ripening. Nickel & Nickel Copper Streak Cabernet is produced from seven of the vineyard's 30 acres.

HARVEST NOTES

Similar to 2012, warm days and cool, foggy nights prevailed, offering the perfect conditions for fruit and tannin maturity. The season in general was about 10 days ahead of last year and favorable weather conditions helped yield a much larger crop load. The fruit received excellent exposure, and the warm summer temperatures encouraged wonderful fruit flavors. Hang time extended into early October and we harvested to capture ideal flavors.

SENSORY EVALUATION

This 2013 Copper Streak Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon captures beautiful fruit intensity on a luxurious texture. Black cherry aromas entice the senses to taste a rich palate of blackberry, black cherry, chocolate, herbs and earth. The texture is smooth and plush, with beautiful depth of flavor. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for over a decade.

APPELLATION
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(53% new, 47% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
September 2016

HARVEST DATE
October 2, 2013

SKIN CONTACT
11 days

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2005