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Single Vineyard Wines

2014 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. Mid-afternoon breezes, however, sweep in to cool things down, allowing for excellent ripening. We produce wine from seven of the vineyard's 30 acres.

HARVEST NOTES

2014 brought a beautiful growing season with a vibrant spring that led to early budbreak and bloom. Leaves were pulled to expose the fruit, and summer temperatures were ideal for fruit ripening. The vineyard was night harvested in late September and optically sorted to ensure that the best fruit went into the fermenter.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Captivating dark fruit and luxurious texture define this Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2014 vintage opens with aromas of red pomegranate and toasted oak. Beautifully balanced flavors of boysenberry, cassis, herbs and earth are enhanced by the wine's natural acidity. Smooth and plush, the flavors linger on a solid core of tannin, making this a wine to be enjoyed now or cellared for over a decade.

APPELLATION
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING
French oak barrels
(58% new, 42% once-used)

RELEASE DATE
September 2017

HARVEST DATE
September 24, 2014

SKIN CONTACT
8 days

TIME
18 months

FIRST VINTAGE
2005

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