



2015 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

Budbreak started about four days earlier than usual in this gravelly loam vineyard. With its western exposure and moderate-sized vines, this Stags Leap site consistently yields loose cluster with small berries. The fruit set was exceptionally small in 2015, with moderate summer temperatures and warm mid-afternoon breezes creating ideal end-of-summer and early fall ripening. The entire vineyard was night-harvested in mid-September, with all three blocks filling a single fermenter.

SENSORY EVALUATION

Ripe and concentrated, the 2015 Copper Streak Cabernet Sauvignon artfully balances dark fruit and bright acidity. Aromas of pomegranate and cassis mix with spicy, toasty oak. Flavors of Bing cherry, cassis and rich herbs are enhanced by fine, ample tannins and a richly textured finish.

APPELLATION

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

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

RELEASE DATE

August 2018

HARVEST DATE

September 19, 2015

SKIN CONTACT

9 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2005