



2016 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

The 2016 growing season proceeded as usual for Napa Valley with a nice spring that led to a warm summer. Budbreak was about five days later than last year and this trend continued throughout the season. Slightly cooler weather in May lengthened the bloom window but warm summer days in June and July helped the vines catch up to normal. The crop looked good with clusters that had a nice leaf coverage allowing for speckled light. August brought both cool and hot weather, so we kept a close eye on each block.

SENSORY EVALUATION

This wine begins with an intoxicating perfume of bright plum and confectionary notes that are complemented by subtle earthy and herbaceous aromas which add further intrigue to the nose. Upon entry, the 2016 Copper Streak's density is immediately evident with the entire palate being coated by robust, chewy tannins. Dark red fruit flavors from beginning to end give way to a finish that lingers after each sip.

APPELLATION

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING

French oak barrels
(48% new, 52% once-used)

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

HARVEST DATE

October 1, 2016

SKIN CONTACT

12 days

TIME

16 months

FIRST VINTAGE

2004