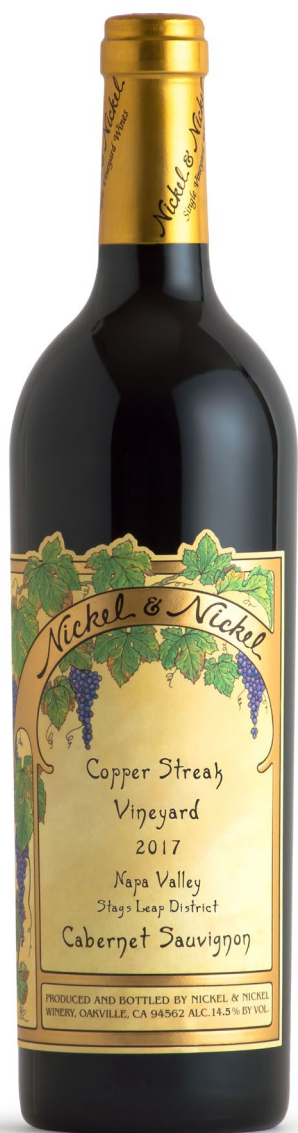




2017 COPPER STREAK VINEYARD

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 year began with a cold and much-needed wet winter, followed by a mild spring. April showers following budbreak resulted in hearty vine growth that only accelerated with the summer sun. The vineyards enjoyed a brief cooling period in August before a final heat spike over Labor Day weekend. The cool weather that immediately followed gave our fruit additional hang-time on the vine continuing phenolic development.

SENSORY EVALUATION

This wine begins with an intoxicating perfume of bright plum and confectionery notes that are complemented by subtle earthy and herbaceous aromas which add further intrigue to the nose. Upon entry, the 2017 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

HARVEST DATE

October 1, 2017

VARIETAL

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

SKIN CONTACT

12 days

AGING

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

TIME

16 months

RELEASE DATE

March 2019

FIRST VINTAGE

2004