



The Stags Leap District American Viticultural Area (AVA) is located on the eastern edge of Napa Valley, among the foothills of the Vaca mountain range. Barely one mile wide and three miles long, this tiny region is critically acclaimed for the power and elegance of its Cabernet Sauvignon. Rock palisades to the east capture and focus daytime heat, but also funnel Pacific breezes down the hillsides to cool the vines at night. This distinctive climate and the region's volcanic soils with bale loam overlay, qualified the area for AVA status in 1989.

History

Stags Leap District has been a grape-growing region since the mid-1800's, though the first Cabernet Sauvignon vines were not planted until 1961 by Nathan Fay. His fruit was in high demand and sourced by winemakers throughout the early 1970's. In 1976, the famed Tasting of Paris catapulted the region into the global spotlight when French judges awarded a 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars first place over legendary Bordeaux producers. Ten years later when the same wines were tasted blind a second time, top honors again went to a Stags Leap wine – the 1972 Clos du Val Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, approximately 90% of the 1,200 acres currently planted to grapevines are Cabernet Sauvignon or other Bordeaux varietals.

Appellation Collection

Each year, the Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association makes available a unique collection of limited release Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon, the only appellation and vintage-specific offering of this kind from an American AVA. This year's release, all from the 2012 vintage, includes 19 wines from the area's best-known vineyards. Stags Leap District wines have magnificent balance and complexity, making this Appellation Collection a wonderful opportunity for serious wine enthusiasts and those looking to start a cellar.

Vineyard to Vintner Annual Event

The annual "Vineyard to Vintner" Event in April offers guests a back-stage pass to the world-class wineries of the Stags Leap District AVA. The weekend is packed with intimate library wine dinners, winery open houses, private tastings, and brunch with the owners and winemakers, all designed to deepen guests' familiarity and appreciation for the appellation's wines and the people who make them. This event draws more than 500 wine enthusiasts each year from across the country.

Members

The Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association currently has nineteen wineries and ten grape grower members. Members range from family-owned properties with very limited production to wineries with international distribution and recognition. Members share a common desire and responsibility to uphold the world-wide reputation of the region and the quality of its wines.

About Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association

The Stags Leap District Winegrowers is a non-profit association of vintners and growers whose mission is to work together to grow the reputation of the appellation and its Cabernet Sauvignon and share its quality with the wine-loving world. Through public outreach, trade events, and community partnerships, the organization aims always to improve understanding of the Stags Leap District and its world-class wines.

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