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Celebrating 25 years of superb cabernet sauvignon



One of the most iconic wine regions in America, **Stags Leap District**, turns 25 this year. The region was officially recognized as an AVA (American Viticulture Area) in 1989, but **cabernet sauvignon** vines were first planted here in 1961. The region rose to prominence in 1976 when the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon took first place at the **Judgment of Paris tasting**, and its fame was heightened 10 years later when another Stags Leap District wine, the 1972 **Clos du Val** Cabernet Sauvignon, took first place at the 10-year anniversary of the Paris tasing.

Stags Leap District is the smallest AVA by planted acreage in Napa Valley. Its cool breezes, clay and loam soil and gentle hills produce wines that are known for their soft, rich tannins and impressive ageability. Stags Leap District wines are collected and aged by wine collectors all over the world.

It's tough to pick favorites when talking about Stags Leap District wines, but here are just a few of the SLD cabs that we've particularly enjoyed lately:

BALDACCI FAMILY VINEYARDS "Black Label" Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (Stags Leap District, Napa Valley) \$75

CLIFF LEDE "Landslide Fire" Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (Stags Leap District, Napa Valley) \$95

PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (Stags Leap District, Napa Valley) \$100

CHIMNEY ROCK "Ganymede Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 (Stags Leap District, Napa Valley) \$125

Have a favorite Stags Leap District wine? Share it with us below.

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