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the New Season

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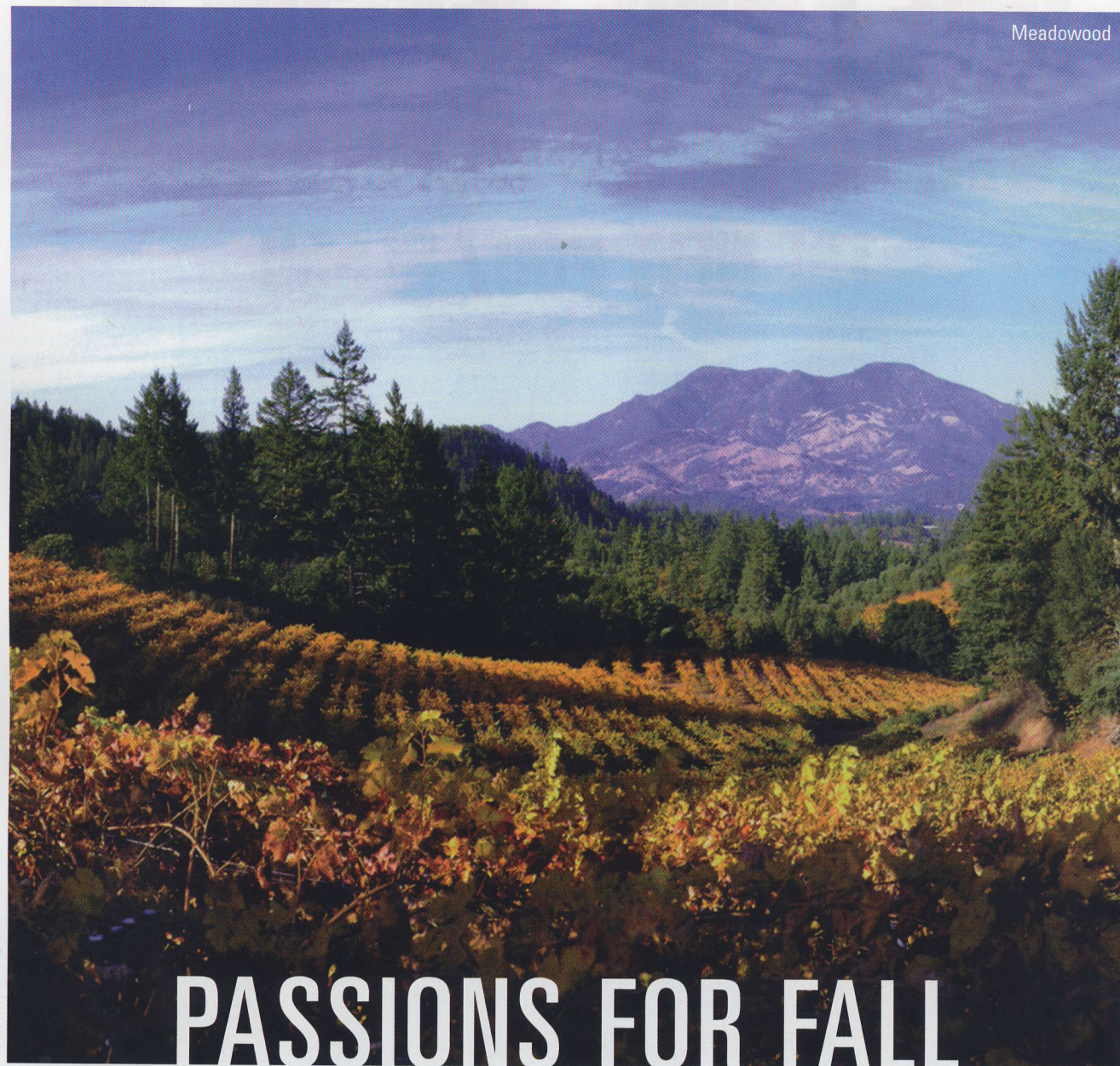


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## AMY SMART

MAKES HER MARK





## PASSIONS FOR FALL

Most Californians find it hard to differentiate between summer and fall, considering that the weather stays so similar – and wonderful – right through September and October. But fashionistas know that times have changed, with shops now filled with a whole new selection of must-have merchandise, which is why we're offering up some spectacular looks that define the season.

Speaking of shopping, check out the new Jaguar XK series profiled in our Driven section; drive one of those sleek cats and you'll be the one purring.

Autumn is also a great time to get away, as summer crowds disperse and prime destinations open up to those who prefer less jammed vacation experiences. From Las Vegas to Vietnam, Tierra del Fuego to Easter Island, this issue will help stir your imagination and narrow down the possibilities for fall travel. But if you're staying home as the new season begins, be sure to get the inside scoop on local favorite Pete Carroll, USC's phenomenal football coach, who is determined to bring the national collegiate title back to SoCal.

Our cover girl is pretty actress Amy Smart, all grown up and making it look easy by conquering both the world of film and television as well, shedding her teen movie past for more solid (and challenging) adult roles.

Finally, if fall always brings to mind the bountiful harvest of California's finest wineries, be sure to check out our inside look at the Stags Leap District, Napa's premiere AVA for fabulous reds. Their annual offering, a 15-bottle collection comprised of every member of that top-notch appellation is the ultimate indulgence, and definitely worthy of consideration for an early Christmas present.

Cheers!

Jenny Peters  
Editor in Chief



## THE ULTIMATE RED WINE

THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT RULES!

— By Jenny Peters



Say the words “Napa Valley,” and most Californians nod wisely. They know that America’s best wines are born and raised in that beautiful place. Add in “Stags Leap District,” and in-the-know wine aficionados start to swoon. For that little AVA (American Viticultural Appellation), just a mile wide and about three miles long, is turning out what many believe to be the greatest red wines on the planet. And some of their whites are pretty darn good, too.

The best way to experience the Stags Leap District is to go there, and visit as many of these top-notch wineries as you can, tasting all the variations of the distinctive, fantastic Cabernet Sauvignon that the region consistently produces. There are the ultra-famous vineyards, like Shafer and Hartwell, who have been making incredible wine for decades; Silverado, built by Diane Disney Miller, Walt’s only child; Pine Ridge, Clos Du Val, Chimney Rock, Stag’s Leap, and Robert Sinskey, who produce a wide range of critically acclaimed wines; and the smaller family operations like Regusci, Steltzner, Baldacci,

Isley, and Cliff Lede, who are all making wonderful wines as well. The two newest members of the AVA are Griffin and Taylor Family, both of whom are excellent small-producing additions to this elite group.

Many of the Stags Leap District wineries are open for tastings, some by appointment and others with scheduled hours. Visiting the district that runs along the Silverado Trail beginning north of Oak Knoll and ending at the Yountville Cross is simple, especially if you book a room at Meadowood, the luxury resort just a couple of miles north, near St. Helena.

Making Meadowood your base makes sense, considering that the hotel is also the Napa Valley’s country club, with golf, tennis, croquet, and hills to hike in, as well as plush private cottages and a newly renovated fine dining room. From there you can range to all of the Stags Leap District and beyond, tasting wine, visiting sublime restaurants like the French Laundry, Tre Vigne, or Don Giovanni, and generally having the time of your life.





*A bird's eye view of Meadowood resort*

But if time is at a premium and a trip to the Napa Valley for this fall's harvest isn't in the cards, never fear. The Stags Leap District will come to you. On October 1, the association of winemakers will release their "Appellation Collection," a 15-bottle collection of deeply satisfying cabernets from every winery in the group. While most of the bottles are the 2003 vintage (including Baldacci, Chimney Rock, Griffin, Hartwell, Ilsley, Pine Ridge, Regusci, Stags' Leap, and Steltzer), there are a fair share of 2002's as well (Cliff Lede, Clos Du Val, Robert Sinskey, Shafer, Silverado, and Taylor Family).

The boxed set is \$1,200 per case, plus shipping, which may sound a bit steep, but for fifteen of the best bottles of red you will ever drink, it is actually a very good deal. In a limited edition of 300 cases of 15 bottles, only available from October 1 to November 30, 2006 (go to [www.stagsleapdistrict.com](http://www.stagsleapdistrict.com) for more information on ordering), the Stags Leap Appellation Collection is a luxury that will keep you remembering the district (or yearning to visit) for years to come. ❖

