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THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT VINEYARD TO VINTNER – WINERY  
BACK-STAGE OPEN HOUSES





Last year I attended the *Stags Leap District Vineyard to Vintner Winery Back-Stage Open Houses* with a lovely designated driver and had a blast! We escaped city life and got to enjoy several of Napa Valley's most prestigious wineries all in one day. Since some of these wineries are only open once a year, the exclusive tastings were held in their private homes. This event, happening again April 29 to May 1, is the perfect chance to visit the award-winning Stags Leap district wineries and take in the beautiful Napa Valley surroundings, creative food, live music and ideal weather. It's definitely one of the Valley's special events of the year and San Francisco folks can easily hop in their cars and be there in a quick 70 minutes.





The wineries inviting you into the 2016 Stag's Leap District weekend include the following:

### ***Baldacci Family Vineyards***

Baldacci Family Vineyards invites all V2V guests to join us at our family's Red Barn at our Stags Leap District property. We are celebrating the past, present and future of our family's commitment to land stewardship with a three vintage (2010, 2012 and 2015 barrel sample) tasting of our 100% Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon from our Stags Leap estate vineyard. Private Chef, Pete Coleman, will be tempting you with specially paired bites of locally raised pork and lamb, all prepared to reflect culinary expressions from the past, present and future. Live music and incredible views will also be provided.

### ***Chimney Rock Winery***

Chimney Rock Winery invites you to join us for an enchanting "La Vie en Rock" Open House event. We'll gather in the heart of our winemaking facility where Winemaker/General Manager Elizabeth Vianna and Assistant Winemaker Laura Orozco will be sharing specially selected wines from both bottles and barrels. Delight in the tastes of inspired hors d'oeuvres by CreativePalateWorks and the blended French Fusion sounds of "Duo Gadjo". (RE: Duo Gadjo: She was born in France. He was born in San Francisco. She listened to Piaf, Montant, and Trenet. He listened to Louis Armstrong and Muddy Waters. She is Isabelle Fontaine He is Jeff Magidson. Together they are known as Duo Gadjo. Their music celebrates the union of two cultures, largely inspired by the sounds of the 20's and 30's, when jazz was the thing and Paris was the place to be.)

### ***Cliff Lede Vineyards***

We look forward to welcoming you to Cliff Lede Vineyards as we pay tribute to the late David Bowie with our newest 2013 Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon, Stardust Heaven. This superstar of a Cabernet highlights vineyard blocks named after David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust," and Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven." V2V guests will visit the winery tank room to mingle with the winemaking team and delight in hors d'oeuvres paired with our refreshing Sauvignon Blanc and the 2013 Cliff Lede Cabernet Sauvignon

Stags Leap District. While soaking in the sounds of classic rock and decades of Bowie hits, take another trip back into the archives with a taste of 2003 Poetry Cabernet Sauvignon. This rare opportunity to taste our flagship estate Cabernet from the hillside Poetry Vineyard is being offered exclusively to our V2V Open House guests.



### *Clos Du Val*

Clos Du Val extends you a warm welcome with a French twist. Please join us for our “Bienvenue Brunch” on Saturday morning; the perfect way to start your day of winery-filled adventure. Located at the southern entrance of the renowned Stags Leap District, our beautiful, ivy-covered winery is ideally situated for making us your first visit. A favorite experience each year, our gourmet brunch will be served in our picturesque Olive Grove from 10am-12noon, featuring made-to-order savory crêpes, charcuterie, and other delicious brunch fare. It’s never too early in the day to enjoy wines from the Stags Leap

District; we'll be presenting our limited production single block Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and other winery exclusive wines, along with the opportunity to get to know our new winemaker, Ted Henry. The afternoon will welcome guests back for a relaxing seat on our Front Lawn with special featured wines and small bites. A wonderful way to start and end your day.

### ***Lindstrom Wines***

A unique tasting opportunity at Lindstrom Wines which is open to the public once a year for the V2V event. Vintners Greg and Carol Lindstrom and their family will all be there to welcome you to their stunning vineyard tasting venue overlooking the Stags Leap Palisade. Taste the critically acclaimed, limited production Lindstrom Estate Cabernets crafted by Celia Welch paired with gourmet paella by Gerard's Paella.

### **Malk Family Vineyards**

As the smallest producer of wine in the Stags Leap District, we at Malk Family Vineyards open our home only once a year. On hand to answer your questions is Robbie Meyer, our highly acclaimed winemaker. In addition, several Malk family members will be pouring one of our well-received 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014 Pinot Noir, and our 2014 Sauvignon Blanc. Savor our Cabernet Sauvignon with a traditional South African barbecue of Boerewors (farmer's sausage), cave-aged cheeses with our Pinot Noir, and fresh berries in season to accompany our Sauvignon Blanc.

### ***Odette Estate Winery***

Odette Estate invites Vineyard to Vintner guests to the newest winery in the Stags Leap District. Join us for a leisurely afternoon of luxury as you taste the next great release of our critically acclaimed Estate Cabernet Sauvignon paired with bites from Meadowood Napa Valley. Take in the beauty and understated elegance of our private Estate Lounge where you will be introduced to both our Odette Estate and Adaptation wines, carefully crafted by winemaker Jeff Owens. Guided tours of our new state-of-the-art winery will be offered at 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm. See how our living roof and other green building practices reinforce our commitment to the environment and sustainability. Between 11am-2pm, meet and mingle with our winemaker, Jeff Owens, who will be conducting tours and answering questions on how he approaches his craft.





### ***Pine Ridge Vineyards***

Mingle in our Estate Gardens with Winemaker Michael Beaulac and Assistant Winemaker Mike Conversano while listening to live music and enjoying breathtaking views of the Stags Leap District Palisades. Winery Chef Susan Lassalette will prepare delicious bites artfully paired with some of our most exclusive wines, including the highly-acclaimed 2012 Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon and our single-vineyard Stags Leap District Chardonnay, 2014 Le Petit Clos. Visitors will also enjoy a sneak peek of our 2014 Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon, pulled straight from the barrel.

### ***Quixote Winery***

For the first time ever, Quixote Winery is opening its doors to the true fans of the Stags Leap District. Our whimsical and mysteriously hidden winery will delight visitors for a unique blend of art, architecture, nature and beautifully crafted wines. We make our 2,000 cases exclusively from our 27 acre estate vineyard, tucked away just off the Silverado Trail in a serene valley shared with Shafer and Stags Leap Winery. Our 2015 Rosé of Petite Sirah will set the stage for a day of food, wine and fun. Our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah will be perfectly paired with small bites from Napa's Tarla Mediterranean Grill. Bay area guitarist Jonny Zywiiciel will be playing a mix of upbeat and soulful songs for all to enjoy.

### ***Regusci Winery***

Regusci Winery is excited to welcome Vineyard to Vintner guests to the Ranch for the day to taste classic Stags Leap District wines, delicious appetizers and warm hospitality. The Regusci Ranch is one of the oldest properties in the Napa Valley and features a stunning, historical gravity flow winery building. Guests will enjoy small bites, taste current and library wines and sample future wines directly from the barrel. Savor a glass of wine while listening to live music performed by Sean Carscadden.

### ***Robinson Family Vineyards***

Stop by for a rare and intimate moment at one of Stags Leap District's smallest and most beautiful family-owned, estate wineries. Nestled at the base of the majestic Palisades, a visit to Robinson Family Vineyards promises a memorable encounter with proprietors Tom and Susie and the rest of the fun-loving Robinson-Jinks clan. Savor this frenetic yet extraordinarily loving environment while enjoying complimentary tastings featuring our current vintages of Estate and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon paired with pizzas pulled directly from our outdoor, wood-burning oven. Finally, be among the first to sample our new, flagship Bordeaux blend: 2+3. Robinson Family is V2V — Family Style.

### ***Shafer Vineyards***

Shafer extends a warm welcome to this special celebration of Stags Leap District, our home since 1973. John Shafer, who led the effort with our neighbors to establish the District (a four-year process from 1985 through 1989) will be on hand throughout the day to greet you along with winery president Doug Shafer and winemaker Elias Fernandez. This year we'll uncork two of our Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignons, the 2013 One Point Five, which is a newly released wine, and 2007 Hillside Select, which

we will pull from our library especially for V2V guests. Our friend Chef Visconte will prepare delicious hors d'oeuvres to accompany the wines. Our wines available for sale will be 2014 Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay, 2013 Merlot, and 2013 One Point Five Cabernet Sauvignon. Our other wines are sold out; likewise because of the extremely limited amount of 2007 Hillside Select in our library, it will not be available for purchase.

### ***Stags Leap Wine Cellars***

We look forward to welcoming V2V guests to help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the historic "Judgment of Paris" tasting at which the Stags Leap Wine Cellars 1973 S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon took top honors among the red wines, triumphing over two first-growth and other renowned wines of Bordeaux. The surprise win was covered by TIME magazine and picked up by media around the world. The story of The Judgment of Paris brought international recognition to Stags Leap Wine Cellars and Chateau Montelena, the Napa Valley and the American wine industry as a whole. You will enjoy "blind tasting" a few wines — just as the judges did in Paris in 1976 — along with library selections of S.L.V. Estate Cabernet and delicious hors d'oeuvres.







### ***Stags' Leap Winery***

Stags' Leap Winery invites you to celebrate Vineyard to Vintner at one of the oldest wine estates within the Stags Leap District. After an extensive eighteen month restoration, the nineteenth century Manor House has been renewed to its former glory. Be among the first to visit and experience the rejuvenated secret speakeasy and see the new furnishings and art including original Andy Warhol prints. Winemaker Christophe Paubert will be on hand throughout the day pouring his newest releases as well as exclusive library and large format selections hand selected from the winery cellar. Rarely open to the public, the historic Manor House porch will be yours for the afternoon to enjoy delicious wood-fired pizzas and delectable hors d'oeuvres alongside these exceptional wines. Special V2V pricing will be extended to guests as well as custom bottle etching. Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

### ***Steltzner Vineyards***

Steltzner Vineyards welcomes our V2V guests to join us poolside at our vineyard estate tucked below the Stags Leap District Palisades. Take in the views as you are surrounded by vineyards. Experience amazing seasonally inspired small bites prepared by Chef Gio from Foodshed Restaurant, an instant Napa Valley classic. Taste our two newest releases of 2013 Estate Cabernet Sauvignons, Pool Block and Martini Clone. Meet our founder Richard Steltzner, winemaker Bob Pepi and the rest of the crew while learning and immersing yourself in all things Stags Leap District.

### ***Taylor Family Vineyards***

Please join three generations of Vintners in a casual and inviting setting on our deck overlooking our hillside vineyard and the stunning Stags Leap Palisades. As a family-owned and family-operated winery, we are excited to share our passion with you by pouring our limited production wines — Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and several Cabernets. We have carefully paired our wines with various appetizers and "Grown-Up" Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, which are made with a variety of cheeses, Vella Mezzo Secco, Barely Buzzed and many more.

For more info and tickets, visit [Stag's Leap District](#)