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One of Napa Valley's most renowned subregions has lots to celebrate.

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Driving on the Silverado Trail through the Stags Leap District is truly picturesque. The landscape changes constantly, vines and mustard grass flank the roads, and shimmering villas are

clustered in the hills.

This tiny American Viticultural Area along the eastern edge of the Napa Valley and the Vaca Mountains is one of the valley's most exciting and diverse to visit. It is known for its balanced climate and growing conditions, which produce elegant and long-lived reds, mainly from cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

This year marks the region's 25th anniversary as a designated viticultural area, giving locals and visitors alike an excuse to visit. (As if they needed one!) Here are five great places to enjoy Stags Leap wines:

- Over an iconic vintage—or two—of Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select at Shafer Vineyards. 6154 Silverado Trail, Napa, (707) 944-2877, shafervineyards.com.
- On the veranda at Cliff Lede Vineyards, with a crisp glass of Sauvignon Blanc and an incredible view of the vineyards spread out below you. 1473 Yountville Cross Rd., Yountville, (707) 944-8642, cliffledevineyards.com.
- At Robert Sinskey Vineyards while exploring the truffles grown at the winery. (Ideally, with a glass of rosé in hand.) 6320 Silverado Trail, Napa, (707) 944-9090, robertsinskey.com.
- While sipping the flagship Cabernet Sauvignon during any type of French occasion at Clos Du Val, including grape stomps, special dinners, and harvest celebrations. 5330 Silverado Trail, Napa, (707) 261-5251, closduval.com.
- At Chimney Rock, while savoring a Cabernet Sauvignon and taking in the Cape Dutch architecture. 5350 Silverado Trail, Napa, (707) 257-2641, chimneyrock.com.

