

Clockwise from left: Guests gather for a sumptuous final feast at Stags' Leap Winery; a picturesque view of a vineyard in the Stags Leap District;





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Over the river and through the woods to 15 local wineries

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p Silverado Trail, about a 15-minute drive from Napa's city center, sits the STAGS LEAP **DISTRICT**. The district is three miles long and barely a mile The district is known wide, close to 2,700 acres, and is known for some of Napa wine country's best cabernet sauvignon.

Since many of the appellation's 15 wineries are not normally open to the public, the prime time to experience Stags Leap is during their

annual VINEYARD TO VINTNER (V2V) celebration when most of the wineries host open houses for wine tasting. V2V pass holders get to experience food and wine pairing and barrel tasting, and are granted exclusive access to vintners and winemakers.

The day begins at Hartwell Vineyards at 10 a.m. as acclaimed wine author and writer of the Wine Bible Karen

Yountville

McNeil takes guests through an intensive sensory exploration seminar of the region's cabernet, followed by open houses from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. After a two-hour break guests, winemakers and vintners will converge at the historic Stags' Leap Winery for special tastings while enjoying

the breathtaking backdrop of the valley. The day finishes with a feast and entertainment.—J.H.

Saturday, April 26. Seminar: \$40; seminar and open house: \$250; seminar, open house and dinner: \$290. For more information visit staasleapdistrict.com.

Wineries

Baldacci Family Vineyards

Chimney Rock Winery

Cliff Lede Vineyards

Clos Du Val

Hartwell Vineyards

Ilsley Vineyards

Malk Family Vineyards

Pine Ridge Winery

Regusci Winery

Robert Sinskey Vineyards

Shafer Vinevards

Silverado Vineyards

Stags' Leap Winery

Steltzner Vineyards

Taylor Family Vineyards