

Stark Insider Wine Travels: Stags Leap District 'Vineyard to Vintner'

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Birds eye view of the Stags Leap District AVA in Napa Valley.

As spring rolls in, wine country events, tastings and winemaker dinners kick into high gear. Over the next few months Stark Insider will be on location in Napa, Sonoma, and other parts of beautiful Northern California, to capture sights and sounds: the people, places and stories. Tough work, we know! But if you're like us, we just must scratch our eternal wanderlust, and explore.

The Stags Leap District (SLD) is one of our favorite AVAs (American Viticultural Area) in Napa. Somehow I suspect we're not alone in appreciating the fine Cabernets produced by wineries here — developing that classic, rich and luxurious Napa Cab profile thanks in part to soils rich with loam and sediments from the nearby Napa River.

Officials tell us that approximately 90% of the 1,200 acres currently planted to grapevines are Cabernet Sauvignon or other Bordeaux varietals. SLD is located approximately 6 miles north of the city of Napa.

“Vineyard to Vintner” (April 24-25, 2015) offers visitors to taste SLD Cabernets while mingling with winemakers, and exploring historic properties and winemaking facilities.

Stags Leap District: Member Wineries

Baldacci Family Vineyards

Chimney Rock Winery

Cliff Lede Vineyards

Clos Du Val

Hartwell Vineyards

Ilseley Vineyards

Lindstrom Wines

Malk Family Vineyards

Odette Estate

Pine Ridge Vineyards

Regusci Winery

Robinson Family Vineyards

Shafer Vineyards

Silverado Vineyards

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Stags' Leap Winery

Steltzner Vineyards

Taylor Family Vineyards

Terlato Family Vineyards

Per organizers, "the weekend provides personal and backstage access to vintners' private homes and historic wineries, with tours and barrel tastings amongst the glorious vineyards and billowing Palisades of the Stags Leap District."

VINEYARD TO VINTNER

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley



Pine Ridge Vineyards, Napa Valley

Saturday: April 25, 2015 // 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Winery Open Houses

'Exclusive back stage passes to Stags Leap District Wineries' This district-wide event gives visitors access to the most historic properties and the newest members of Stags Leap District. Attendees begin at a starting point of their choice and wind their way up and down the Silverado Trail from winery to winery. Their "V2V Pass" gives them exclusive access to the region's vintners and winemakers. They can discover winery caves, enjoy special barrel tastings, explore cellars, and enjoy food and wine pairings

not available to the public.

Sunday: April 26, 2015 // 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

‘Appellation Collection Sneak Preview and Vintner-Hosted Brunch’

Fare by Michelin-starred Meadowood Resort at Silverado Vineyards. Visitors can meet and mingle with Stags Leap District vintners and be the first to sneak preview the exclusive release of the 2012 Appellation Collection of 19 world-class Cabernet Sauvignons. Attendees can also sip, swirl and stroll through Silverado Vineyards’ umbrella-filled plaza as they enjoy a selection of cold whites and exceptional brunch fare prepared by the famed Michelin-starred Meadowood Resort.
