

Wine Blog

"Juicy Tales by Jo Diaz"

Stags Leap District Vineyard to Vintner 2017

This is an unparalleled Stags Leap District wine experience. Stags Leap is an iconic American appellation, with legendary history, a vibrant future, distinctive Cabernets as Napa's neighborhood for world class wines.



[Pine Ridge Vineyards]

Last year, we attended this event and were stuck by the quality and attentiveness of each vintner and winemaker. Pictures from last year are included in this story, so you have a feeling for its flavor...

- Vineyard to Vintner ~ Celebrating Napa Valley's Stags Leap District ~
- Magic Cellar Rendezvous ~ Celebrating Napa Valley's Stags Leap District ~



Their annual Vineyard to Vintner weekend shares the best that they have for an unparalleled experience, with owner and winemaker participation in private homes and historic wineries, glorious vineyards and billowing mountain ranges. Experience barrel and bottle tastings, inspired cuisine, and lively conversation... Backstage and personal. Join the fun!

The Stags Leap District (from their Website)

The iconic American **Stags Leap District Viticultural Area (AVA)** is located on the eastern edge of Napa Valley, among the foothills of the Vaca Mountain Range. Barely one mile wide and three miles long, this tiny region – the smallest AVA in Napa Valley – is critically acclaimed for its distinctive, powerful and elegant Cabernet Sauvignon. With a unique growing climate, the rocky palisades to the east capture and focus daytime heat while funneling Pacific breezes down the hillsides to cool the vines at night. This climatic condition along with the region's volcanic soils of bale loam overlay uniquely proved the area was qualified for AVA designation which was approved in 1989.



[Doug Shafer, Shafer Vineyards]

Stags Leap History

Stags Leap District has been a grape-growing region since the mid-1800s, though the first Cabernet Sauvignon vines were not planted until 1961 by **Nathan Fay**. His fruit was in high demand and sourced by winemakers throughout the early 1970s. In 1976, the famed Tasting of Paris catapulted the region into the global spotlight when French judges awarded a 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars first place over legendary Bordeaux producers. Ten years later when the same wines were tasted blind a second time top honors again went to a Stags Leap wine – the 1972 Clos du Val Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, approximately 90% of the 1,200 acres currently planted to grapevines are Cabernet Sauvignon or other Bordeaux varietals.

Stags Leap District Vineyard to Vintner 2017 Details

- Exclusive Vintner-Hosted Library Wine Dinners: Friday, April 28, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (For Consumers)
- Back-Stage Open Houses: Saturday, April 29, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (For Consumers and Media)
- Vintner-Hosted Lunch and Appellation Collection Tasting: Sunday, April 30, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (For Consumers and Media)



[Left: Winemaker Elizabeth Vianna of Chimney Rock ~ Right: Jo Diaz]

Tickets and Additional Information

Tickets went on sale, February 14, 2017. You can find more information and purchase tickets, at StagsLeapDistrict.com/V2V. Price ranges:

- Signature Wine Weekend for Two packages are available for \$339 which includes
 - two passes for all three days of the event
 - the limited 2014 Appellation Collection of 17 handcrafted 2014 SLD designated Cabernet Sauvignons each signed exclusively by the vintners
 - one Solle two-bottle jacquard and leather embossed wine tote.
- \$690 for a three-day pass
- \$545 for a two-day pass (Friday/Saturday)
- \$340 for a two-day pass (Saturday/Sunday)
- \$195 for a Saturday single-day pass.

More information can be found at StagsLeapDistrict.com/V2V.



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