

# Celebrate Stags Leap AVA's 20th Birthday at Vineyard to Vintner

## Napa Valley pioneers lead a rare library tasting of top Cabernets to kick off anniversary

Join the Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association at its 9th Annual Vineyard to Vintner: Celebrating 20 Years on Saturday, April 25. The annual V2V event promises a day of discovery and adventure, complete with 15 winery open houses and culminating in a vintner-hosted dinner, Soiree Cabernet, at Clos Du Val Winery.

The day begins with "Looking Back, Leaping Forward" at Shafer Vineyards where three pioneers of the district: John Shafer (Shafer Vineyards), Dick Steltzner (Steltzner Vineyards) and Bernard Portet (Clos Du Val), share personal stories of the appellation's beginnings along with a library tasting of their rarest wines and oldest vintages. The morning session is followed by an open house event throughout the district entitled "On the Trail." Visitors will enjoy personal access to the vintners and winemakers as they open their caves, barrels and cellars for special tours, tastings and food not available to the general public.

The 9th Annual V2V culminates with Soiree Cabernet at Clos Du Val Winery with a reception in the historic barrel room followed by dinner, against the backdrop of the Stags Leap Palisades, in the very vineyard where Portet first explored the district in the early '70s. The pre-dinner reception also provides guests with an opportunity to preview the district's upcoming 2005 Appellation Collection, to be released in fall, 2009.

The "Looking Back, Leaping Forward" seminar with the pioneers and visionaries of the district will take place at Shafer Vineyards from 10 to 11 a.m. and limited seating requires advance registration. The private open houses with exclusive food and wine offerings begin at 11 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. and the vintner-hosted Soiree Cabernet dinner is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets for the library tasting and seminar are \$60 per person (seminar is not sold à la carte), the open houses are \$135 per person, open houses and vintner-hosted reception dinner are \$285 per person.

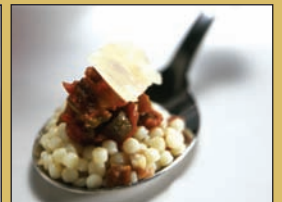
## About Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association

Founded in 1989, the Stags Leap District Winegrowers Association is a non-profit organization of vintners dedicated to the betterment of its grapes and the recognition of the district as a pre-eminent Cabernet Sauvignon producer. Wines from the district captured the attention of the wine world beginning with the famous Paris tasting of 1976 where French judges, in a blind tasting, pronounced a Stags Leap District Cabernet the winner over many top Bordeaux. In an identical tasting 10 years later, another Stags Leap District Cabernet, the 1972 Clos Du Val, took top honors. According to Deborah Elliott-Fisk, associate professor of geography at the University of California, Davis, "The Stags Leap District is the first viticultural area in the United States [to receive an AVA designation] based on the distinctiveness of its soils."



*swirl, sip, savor, enjoy*

Sample new vintages of our vineyard-designated wines paired with a delectable array of tasty food samples, all served tapas-style. No reservations required.



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