



## 2015 HILLSIDE SELECT®

NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, produced each vintage from carefully selected blocks of the hillside vineyards surrounding the winery. These grapes are small and deeply colored, with concentrated flavors enhanced by meticulous winemaking and extensive aging in French oak barrels. Hillside Select consistently expresses the voluptuous fruit, rich flavors, and velvety texture that characterize grapes grown in Stags Leap District.

Release Date	September 1, 2019
Vineyard Location	100% Shafer’s Hillside Estate Vineyards in Stags Leap District including the vineyard blocks Sunspot, John’s Upper Seven, Venado Ilegal, and Firebreak
2015 Growing Season	The warm, dry vintage gave us smaller berries packed with rich color and intense flavor becoming wines with excellent structure and extraction that are destined to age beautifully in the cellar.
Varietal Composition	100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 26.0°
Alcohol	15.5%
Cooperage	32 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)



### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

*“The 2015 vintage gave us smaller berries packed with an immensity of pure, opulent aromas and flavors. This rich, polished hillside Cabernet Sauvignon overflows with briary black fruit, juicy black cherry, racy dried cranberry, black licorice, and freshly cracked pepper with elegant touches of cedar, baking spice, and wet stone. The finish is generous and persistent, while the tannins are ripe and integrated offering both a pleasurable experience now and the kind of structure that promises even more beauty with time.” — ELIAS FERNANDEZ*

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*“... comes bounding out of the glass with gregarious scents of crème de cassis, warm black cherries, plum preserves and Indian spices with hints of lilacs, garrigue, stewed tea and cigar box plus a waft of charcuterie. Full-bodied, rich, boldly fruited and wildly decadent ...”*

— LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*

*“... dense, powerful and exotically ripe, with copious chocolate, crème de cassis, new leather, smoke and licorice overtones. ... there is a real sense of gravitas to the 2015...”*

— ANTONIO GALLONI, *VINOUS*

### SHAFFER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 30,000 case winery in Napa Valley’s Stags Leap District. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer’s Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, and Petite Sirah.