

Shafer

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, sourced from carefully selected blocks of our Stags Leap District hillside estate. 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 this renown AVA.



HILLSIDE SELECT

2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

RELEASE DATE

September 1, 2024

VINEYARD LOCATIONS

100% hillside vineyards in Stags Leap District including Shafer's estate vineyard blocks Sunspot, John's Upper Seven, Hitching Post, and Firebreak.

2021 GROWING SEASON

2021 was a Napa Valley classic offering long stretches of warm days and cool nights. By early September the fruit had developed rich color and elegant, pure aromas and flavors.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BRIX AT HARVEST

24.0° - 26.0°

COOPERAGE

28 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)

ALCOHOL

15.5%

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"The 2021 vintage expresses Hillside Select's singular elegance, vibrancy, and balance. The aromas lift out of the glass, offering blackberry, cedar, black currant, and just-picked cherry with graceful flo-ral and leather tones. The complexity of the vintage is striking, merging dark fruit with red plum, wet stone, lavender, and black tea. The ripe, seamlessly integrated tannins add depth, precision, and serious structure for decades of aging, all culminating in a long, exquisite finish." — *Elias Fernandez, Shafer Vineyards Winemaker*