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CABERNET SAUVIGNON · STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

2018 Hillside Select

Celebrating 40 vintages of Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, sourced from carefully selected blocks of Stags Leap District hillside vineyards. 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.

RELEASE DATE	September 1, 2022
VINEYARD LOCATION	100% hillside vineyards in Stags Leap District including Shafer's estate vineyard blocks Sunspot John's Upper 7, Venado Ilegal, and Firebreak
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% 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)

2018 GROWING SEASON

A lengthy, cool, steady growing season created ideal conditions for the fruit to hang on the vine a long time in the summer sun developing rich color, alluring aromas, and luxuriant flavors.

"2018 Hillside Select is an enticing balance of opulence and energy. This classic Cabernet Sauvignon fills the glass with vivid aromas of blackberry, black cherry, warm earth, and baking spice. The flavors richly echo the wine's aromas, adding juicy layers of summer briar fruit, berry compote, cinnamon, lively red and black plums, and mocha with a long, radiant finish. Structured tannins offer the promise of a lengthy, sumptuous tenure in your cellar."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Incredible purity and precision, as well as opulence, define the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Hillside Select ... classic 2018 Napa Valley with its purity, freshness and precision as well as sensational concentration and perfectly integrated acidity, tannins, and alcohol. It delivers pleasure today yet warrants a solid 4-5 years of bottle age and is going to be a 30- to 40-year wine."

JEB DUNNUCK

"... stunning. Bright acids give the 2018 tons of energy ... dark blue/purplish fruit, lavender, spice, mint and blood orange build in the glass. Elegant and bright, the 2018 shows all the energy of the year in spades."

ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS