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CABERNET SAUVIGNON · STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

2019 Hillside Select

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, 2023
VINEYARD LOCATION	100% hillside vineyards in Stags Leap District including Shafer's estate vineyard blocks Sunspot, John's Upper Seven, 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)

2019 GROWING SEASON

The long, sunny 2019 summer created a beautiful growing season for our Cabernet Sauvignon. The fruit developed classic, rich color and clean, elegant, and pure aromas and flavors.

"The 2019 vintage embodies classic Hillside Select richness, vibrancy, and balance. The aromas push out of the glass, offering black cherry, cedar, cassis, and juicy red summer berries with lifted floral tones. Even at this youthful age, the complexity of the vintage is striking, merging dark fruit with tobacco, espresso, black olive, red plum, and black tea. The expansive mid-palate is complemented by ripe integrated tannins that add depth and structure, culminating in a long, profound finish."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"... another magical vintage for this cuvée ... flawlessly balanced on the palate and has ultra-fine tannins, a seamless, elegant mouthfeel, and a great, great finish. It's another 30- to 40-year wine from this incredible team that readers will absolutely love."

JEB DUNNUCK · SCORE: 98+

"... another highly successful vintage ... rich, dense and concentrated—a truly impressive California vin de garde ... it finishes long and firm on the finish, adding a hint of mocha."

ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE, JOE CZERWINSKI · SCORE: 98+