

ROBERT SINSKEY VINEYARDS

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

"RSV" SLD Estate, Stags Leap District, Napa Valley, 2004

THE PLACE IS THE PLACE

The quality and character of a wine is determined by the land, the weather, and the ability and/or willingness of the vigneron to interpret them – RSV's Stags Leap District Estate Vineyard is steeply terraced with shallow soils. The climate during growing season is warm and dry by day, cool by night. It is not uncommon for the morning fog to hug the cliffs long after it has burned off in other parts of the valley. A channel of wind pushes up from the bay moderating the temperature of the District. Relatively early bud break begins a long and gentle growing season allowing complex flavors to develop and tannins to mature, imparting a supple firmness. Cool evenings help to retain vibrant acidity and warm, but not scorching, days fully develop the intense dark fruit. RSV's SLD Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful, yet elegant expression of a special place.



WINEGROWING NOTES:

RSV's Stags Leap District Estate vineyard wraps around the winery in terraced steps that rise into the hills bordering Napa Valley to the east. The vineyard is at the end of a wind channel that funnels fog and cold air from the San Pablo Bay and the Pacific Ocean beyond. This maritime influence softens extremes of temperature in the SLD, helping to ensure hot, but not sweltering days, a distinct advantage during the scorching summer of 2004. Soils are volcanic and well drained. Yields, always under 2 tons per acre, were even smaller in 2004. The Cabernet Sauvignon came in at 7.3 tons, or 1.6 tons per acre, on September 11th, 2004. Just over a ton of Merlot came in the previous week. The wine rested for twenty-two months in twenty-one French oak barrels (40% new).

**RSV'S VINEYARDS ARE CERTIFIED ORGANIC, THIS YEAR THEY ARE
DEMETER CERTIFIED BIODYNAMIC!**

TASTING NOTES:

Impenetrably dark opalescent ruby color provides the eye candy, while aromas of sweet herb-laced black currant and violet draw you in. The wine is so vibrant on the palate that it takes a moment to notice the "high-thread-count" mouth-feel that gives the flavors a luxurious texture to play on. This wine walks a thin line between power and elegance, marrying intensely pure Cabernet fruit and ample structure with the more delicate nuances of the grape. It's attractive now, but it is one to watch in the cellar.

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot

Oak Regimen: 22 Months - 40% New French - Coopers: Nadalie, Taransaud, Sylvain and Saury

Cases Produced: 536 - TA: .62% - PH: 3.6 - Alcohol: 14.3 by vol

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