

STAGS LEAP WINE CELLARS HANDS OF TIME 2018/\$19.99



DESCRIPTION

Considered one of the "first growths" of Napa Valley, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars produces renowned Cabernet Sauvignon from its historic Stags Leap District estate vineyards.

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars was founded in 1970 with the purchase of a 40 acre property in the now famed Stag's Leap District AVA in Napa Valley. The winery brought international recognition to California winemaking and the Napa Valley region when their 1973 S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon won the 1976 Paris Tasting, also known as the "Judgement of Paris."

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' three estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignons - CASK 23, S.L.V. and Fay - are among the most highly regarded and collected Cabernet Sauvignons worldwide (All 3 available in the Holiday Market cellar). The Cabernet wines are fashioned to express richness balanced by elegant restraint, an approach often described as "an iron fist in a velvet glove."

Undoubtedly proving its merit over and over, Napa Valley is now a leading force in the world of prestigious red wine regions. Though Cabernet Sauvignon dominates Napa Valley, other red varieties certainly thrive here. Important but often overlooked include Merlot and other Bordeaux varieties well-regarded on their own as well as for their blending capacities. Very old vine Zinfandel represents an important historical stronghold for the region and Pinot noir is produced in the cooler southern parts, close to the San Pablo Bay. Perfectly situated running north to south, the valley acts as a corridor, pulling cool, moist air up from the San Pablo Bay in the evenings during the hot days of the growing season, which leads to even and slow grape ripening. Furthermore the valley claims over 100 soil

variations including layers of volcanic, gravel, sand and silt—a combination excellent for world-class red wine production.

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Hands of Time wines pay tribute to the many hands involved in the art of winemaking, from grower to cellar to bottle. This passion project is led by skilled veteran winemakers and demonstrates their commitment to crafting the best wines possible in tandem with their expert cellar crews and long-time vineyard partners. Every time you're handed a glass at your favorite restaurant or wine bar, you're joining the celebration of the skilled hands in the legendary Napa Valley and Sonoma County.

The weather in 2018 was spectacular, making this another exceptionally fine vintage for Sonoma County. A near record long growing season, with plenty of cool days, punctuated with sunny and warm patches allowed flavors and textures to mature fully. Crop levels were above average, with many sites producing the best crops in years. The acidity levels are higher than normal, with perfectly ripened fruit. Though the year was cool, the fruit was very clean and high quality.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

This Sonoma County Pinot Noir offers inviting aromas of ripe strawberry, red raspberry, five spice powder, clove and licorice.

Palate:

Medium-bodied, the wine has a juicy core of fruit with a long and silky texture.

Pairing:

Food-friendly and approachable, the 2018 Hands of Time pairs equally well with grilled salmon, roast chicken, or grilled tri-tip. It's also a perfect addition to a Thanksgiving meal!

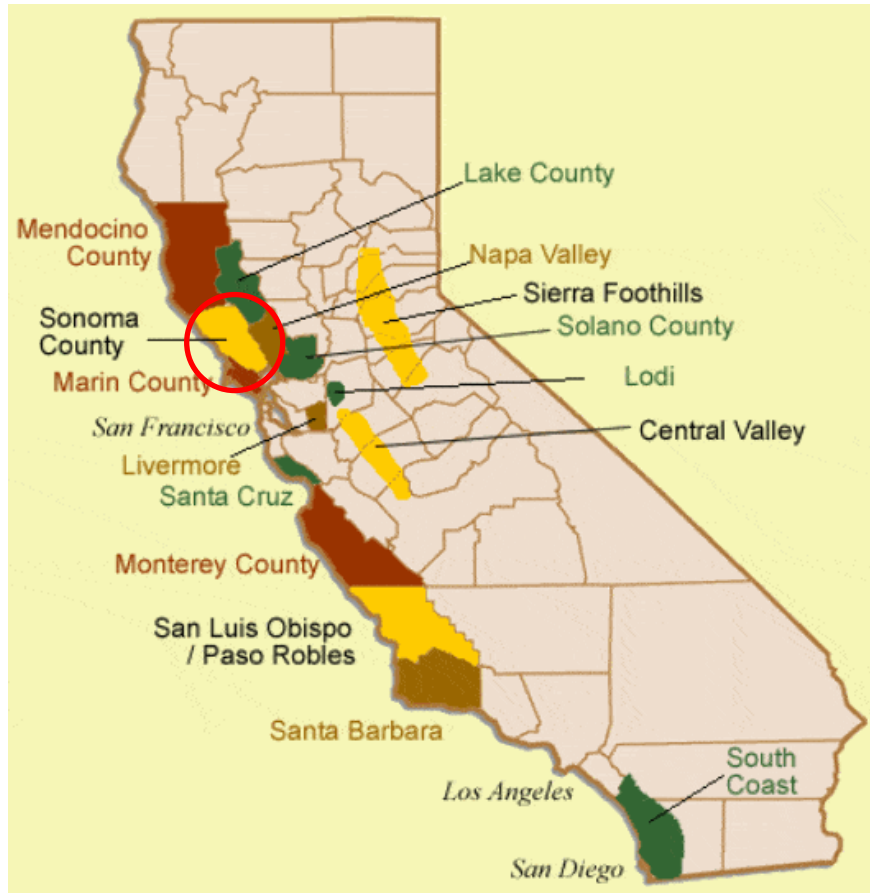
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Sonoma County A.V.A., California



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