

Silverado Vineyards

A pure expression of Napa Valley Cabernet, SOLO 2015 celebrates the legendary Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone from the famed Stags Leap District.

Solo Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

California, USA

92 Wine Spectator



Alcohol :14,30 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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SOLO is born exclusively from the **Silverado Vineyard**, located in the prestigious **Stags Leap District AVA** of Napa Valley. First planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in **1968**, it was only the fourth vineyard to do so in the district, marking it as one of the historical sites of Napa's modern wine era. Over two decades of field selection and vine development led to the identification of a **new and distinctive clone**, now known as the **Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone**—one of only three clones to receive official Heritage status from UC Davis, and the only one from Stags Leap.

The vineyard's **steep, shale-rich slopes** and **west-facing exposure** receive abundant afternoon sunlight, ideal for ripening Cabernet to full phenolic maturity. The thin, well-drained soils stress the vines just enough to concentrate flavors and structure while retaining the natural freshness emblematic of Stags Leap. This precise terroir contributes depth, minerality, and a signature velvety tannic profile to the finished wine.

Winemaking

SOLO 2015 is composed of **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**, exclusively from the Disney-Silverado clone grown on the estate vineyard. Harvested between **September 9 and 11, 2015**, the fruit reached an average **24.8° Brix**, reflecting ideal ripeness. The must underwent **21 days of maceration**, enabling optimal extraction of color, tannins, and aromatic complexity.

The wine was aged for **17 months in oak barrels**, of which **50% were new French oak**. The full oak profile consisted of **89% French and 11% American oak**, providing a framework of spice and vanilla without overshadowing the varietal purity. Bottled unfiltered and unfined, SOLO 2015 was released at **14.3% alcohol**, offering both power and grace in balance. Production was limited to just **1,316 cases**, underscoring its rarity and handcrafted nature.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with violet hues and excellent clarity.
- **Aroma:** Bright aromas of red plum, fresh cherry, and cassis, supported by floral undertones and a touch of sweet spice.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and mineral-driven, featuring lively cherry and red berry fruit, nuanced by roasted coffee, vanilla, and subtle earthy tones. The finish is structured, elegant, and lingering with polished tannins.

Did you know?

The **SOLO** label was created to honor the **Disney-Silverado Heritage Clone**, a unique genetic selection recognized by the **University of California, Davis** as one of just **three official Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon clones**. This exclusive clone—developed entirely on the Silverado property—is the **only one from the Stags Leap District** to earn such distinction, making SOLO a rare expression of both clonal history and terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef tenderloin with red wine demi-glace**: The wine's structure and elegance harmonize beautifully with the dish's depth and tenderness.
- **Roasted duck breast with cherry-port sauce**: Accentuates the bright red fruit and subtle spice in the wine.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: The minerality and umami of the dish echo the wine's earthy nuances.
- **Aged Comté or Tomme de Savoie**: Their nutty, savory profiles complement the finesse and tannic balance of the Cabernet.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 92 Points (2015)

This has weight but manages to show a streamlined and focused persona, featuring a beam of red currant fruit infused with subtle savory, tobacco and sage hints. The polished structure lets the finish glide through. Drink now through 2028.

91 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 91 Points (2015)

Blackcurrant and slightly leafy aromas, with charming hints of mint. Crunchy red fruit coming through on the palate; big and bold but well-balanced.

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James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2014)

Blackberries, blueberries, mushrooms and licorice. Hints of mint. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Balanced and fine. Drink or hold.