


# Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Artemis Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 is a sophisticated expression of Napa Valley, blending estate-grown and meticulously sourced fruit for a wine of balance, elegance, and depth.

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95 Decanter




Alcohol :14,80 %

Composition: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 2% Malbec

## Artemis Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

California, USA

### Region and Vineyards

**Artemis** sources fruit from select vineyards across Napa Valley, blending grapes from the **Atlas Peak District**, **Coombsville**, **St. Helena**, and **Wooden Valley**, as well as estate vineyards like **S.L.V.** and **FAY**. This diverse sourcing creates a wine that combines the unique characteristics of Napa Valley's sub-regions.

The vineyards are planted on varied soils, including volcanic and alluvial deposits, which contribute to the wine's complexity. The careful selection of fruit ensures a balance of vibrant flavors, structure, and aromatic intensity.

### Winemaking

The **2020 vintage** was shaped by a dry and warm growing season with limited rainfall and several heat spikes. While the harvest was early due to these conditions, meticulous vineyard management and precise winemaking ensured quality fruit.

The wine is composed of **99% Cabernet Sauvignon** and **1% Merlot**, aged for **14 months** in a combination of **50% new French oak**, **4% new American oak**, and older French oak barrels. A very light filtration at bottling preserved its purity and depth. The result is a wine with a **14.8% alcohol content**, balancing ripeness and structure.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet red.
- **Aromas**: Inviting aromas of **olive**, **espresso**, **black licorice**, and **red fruit**.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied, with a smooth mouthfeel and flavors of **berry compote**, **dark chocolate**, and a touch of spice. The finish is long and refined, showcasing its balanced acidity and polished tannins.

### Did you know?

The name **ARTEMIS**, derived from the Greek goddess of the hunt, symbolizes the winery's pursuit of exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley. This wine offers a blend of estate-grown and selected fruit to capture the valley's diverse terroirs.

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## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled tri-tip steak**: Enhances the wine's bold flavors and smooth texture.
- **Braised short ribs**: Complements the wine's dark fruit and mocha notes.
- **Pasta with wild mushrooms and prosciutto**: Matches the wine's savory and earthy undertones.
- **Aged Gouda or Gruyère cheese**: Balances the wine's complexity and depth.

### Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2020)

*The 2020 Artemis is a blend of Cabernet grapes sourced from growers in Napa's Atlas Peak District, Arcadia Vineyard in Coombsville, Battuello Vineyard in St. Helena, Rancho Chimiles in Wooden Valley. It includes some grapes from S.L.V. and FAY vineyards. This is about as fresh, pure, and classic as Napa Cabernet comes. Lavish aromas of ripe blackberry, blueberry and black cherry fruit just lift from the glass tinged with cedar, cassis and pipe tobacco. Plush and fruit-forward with cascading waves of blueberries, graham cracker crust, and candied violets that wash over the palate, buoyed by supple, long, satiny tannins and rounded acidity. Emerging loamy earth, coffee beans, and herbs on a long finish. Downright delicious. (JC) (4/2023)*

### James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2020)

*The violet lift to the nose is knitting well with the ripe blackberries, chocolate and sweet spices. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, with dense yet creamy tannins adhering to the dark fruit. Fleshy and polished, with a pretty finish. A solid effort for the vintage.*

### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2020)

*This plush, delicious and fruit-drenched wine pairs wonderful black fruit nuances of crème de cassis and black cherries with subtle, layered oak spices of new leather, tobacco and graphite, while a creamy texture makes the texture almost irresistible.*