

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 celebrates the vineyard that started it all, delivering a lush and elegant wine with vibrant red and black fruit, floral aromas, and a silky texture.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Fay Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **FAY Vineyard**, established in **1961** by Nathan Fay, holds a special place in Napa Valley history as the first to plant **Cabernet Sauvignon** in the **Stags Leap District**. The vineyard's **iron-rich volcanic soils** and cooler climate create wines with a voluptuous perfume, supple red and black fruit tones, and a fine-grained texture.

The **2019 vintage** utilized grapes from key blocks, including **2C, 6, 8, 3B, 3A, 5A, and 2B**, each contributing unique elements of structure, aromatics, and texture to the wine.

Winemaking

The **2019 growing season** began with a wet spring that increased canopy growth and reduced yields due to shatter during bloom. Careful vineyard management ensured balanced canopies and optimal fruit exposure. A long growing season with ideal summer conditions allowed for extended ripening, resulting in a wine with richness and complexity.

The wine underwent fermentation in **100% stainless steel tanks**, followed by **100% malolactic fermentation**. Aged for **21 months in 100% new French oak barrels**, this vintage demonstrates a meticulous barrel selection process designed to enhance the unique characteristics of the vineyard. The **2019 FAY** was released in **May 2022**, with a production of **2,700 cases**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- **Aromas**: Fragrant notes of **raspberry**, **boysenberry**, and hints of **jasmine**, **gardenia**, and **nutmeg**.
- **Palate**: Vibrant and lively, with polished tannins, a juicy mid-palate, and a silky finish bursting with red fruits and berries.

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Did you know?

The **FAY Vineyard** is where Stag's Leap Wine Cellars began its journey. In **1969**, tasting Nathan Fay's homemade Cabernet inspired Warren Winiarski to purchase neighboring land and create wines that would compete with the world's finest, leading to the creation of the legendary **Judgment of Paris** winner.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Baby back ribs with saba glaze**: Enhances the wine's red fruit and silky texture.
- **Maple soy glazed salmon**: Balances the wine's vibrant acidity and floral notes.
- **Eggplant Parmesan**: Complements the wine's rich fruit and polished tannins.

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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 100 Points (2019)

*There's something so alluring and enticing about the Fay, named for Nathan Fay, who first planted Cabernet Sauvignon in what is now Stags Leap District back in 1961. It shows old-school dust, clove and graphite, with secondary hints of violet, sage and tree bark. *Cellar Selection* (VB)*

97 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 97 Points (2019)

Just about pure perfection, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Fay reveals a vivid purple hue as well as spectacular aromatics of blueberries, black cherries, sappy herbs, and tobacco. Full-bodied and perfectly balanced, with a great mid-palate and building tannins, it's another utterly classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from this estate that will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and evolve for 2-3 decades.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)

Concentrated, with lots of black and purple fruit and crushed violets. Broodingly dark and youthful at this stage, but remains elegant. Fleshy, dense and full-bodied with a mouthful of finely polished tannins that dissipate into the black fruit. Silky, opulent texture here, with fresh, medium acidity.