



Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars **FAY Cabernet Sauvignon 2020** honors its legendary roots with a lush, aromatic, and finely textured wine that captures the elegance and history of the Stag's Leap District.



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Fay Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **FAY vineyard** is the birthplace of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' story, established by Nathan Fay in **1961** as the first planting of **Cabernet Sauvignon** in what is now the **Stags Leap District**. Known for its **voluptuous perfume** and **luscious texture**, the vineyard is celebrated for producing wines with classic **red and black berry tones**, a fine-grained structure, and a distinctive elegance.

The 2020 vintage primarily sourced grapes from blocks **4, 3A, 3B, 8C2, 1, 6, 2B, and 2A**, each contributing unique characteristics to the wine's aromatic and structural complexity.

Winemaking

The **2020 growing season** presented challenges, including a dry and hot climate, global disruptions from the pandemic, and wildfires. Rain during bloom naturally reduced fruit set, balancing the crop under dry soil conditions. These conditions resulted in wines with a **riper character** and intense concentration.

The **FAY 2020** underwent fermentation in **100% stainless steel tanks**, followed by **malolactic fermentation** to soften its texture. The wine was aged for **21 months in 85% new French oak barrels**, enhancing its depth and complexity. With a composition of **98% Cabernet Sauvignon** and **2% Cabernet Franc**, the wine achieves a harmonious balance of fruit, structure, and elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with brilliant clarity.
- **Aromas:** Complex notes of **blue fruit, Amarena cherry, licorice, and floral spice**.
- **Palate:** Fresh fruit flavors dominate, complemented by a creamy and savory mid-palate. The wine finishes with a velvety texture and elegant structure.

Alcohol :14,80 %

Composition: 98% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc



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Did you know?

The **FAY vineyard** is where Nathan Fay planted Napa Valley's first Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the **Stags Leap District**, challenging the conventional wisdom of the time and laying the foundation for Stag's Leap Wine Cellars' iconic legacy.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted lamb chops:** Highlights the wine's rich red fruit and velvety tannins.
- **Duck confit with cherry sauce:** Complements the wine's floral and fruity notes.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Balances the wine's creamy mid-palate and savory character.
- **Aged Gruyère or Comté cheese:** Matches the wine's complexity and structure.



Decanter (DCT) : 97 Points (2020)

From the legendary Fay vineyard, this 2020 Cabernet includes a 2% splash of Cabernet Franc, aged 21 months, in 85% new French oak. Expressive black cherry fruit is scented with crushed red rock minerality and notes of dried rose petals. Medium to full-bodied on the palate with a wealth of concentrated blackberry and cherry fruits supported by elongated, supple tannins. Fine-boned acidity brings clarity to this powerful, elegant, mineral-laced red, which possesses a balletic lightness balanced by muscular tension on the long, drawn-out finish. (JC)



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2020)

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Fay Vineyard features lovely cherry fruit, interwoven with strands of dried herbs, hints of black cherries and a touch of vanilla. It's medium to full-bodied, round and generous yet focused, showing typical Cabernet restraint and structure, then finishing with gentle, silky tannins and a big, highly enjoyable whack of cassis.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)

This perfumed and perfectly balanced wine brings a little restraint to the table. Raspberry, blackberry and mint flavors are braced in a lively way by good fruit acidity and moderate tannins for a slight grip in the texture. The wine will be easily paired with savory, meaty dishes and worth cellaring. Best from 2025–2035.



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