



Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Crafted from the historic S.L.V. vineyard, this wine embodies Napa Valley's pinnacle of quality, showcasing black currant, mocha, and espresso notes with exceptional aging potential.



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SLV Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **S.L.V. vineyard** (Stag's Leap Vineyards) is the original vineyard of **Stag's Leap Wine Cellars**, established in 1972. Located in the **Stags Leap District** of Napa Valley, the vineyard features a unique combination of **fire-borne volcanic soils** and cooler alluvial soils. This mix creates wines with a distinct minerality, complex flavors, and elegant structure.

Key blocks used for the 2021 vintage include **2A, 3A, 1A, 3B**, and **Block 4**, the latter being known as the "grande dame" of the vineyard. These sites yield concentrated fruit flavors, refined tannins, and remarkable depth.

Winemaking

The **2021 vintage** was marked by very dry conditions during the winter and spring, followed by challenging weather during bloom, which resulted in lower yields. However, a near-perfect summer with moderate temperatures and cool sea breezes allowed the grapes to achieve excellent balance and ripeness. A brief heatwave in early September accelerated ripening, followed by ideal conditions for harvest.

The wine is made from **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**. Fermentation took place in **stainless steel tanks**, with **100% malolactic fermentation** to soften the wine's texture and enhance complexity. The wine was aged for **21 months in 100% new French oak barrels**, contributing spice, depth, and integration. The alcohol content is **14.8%**, ensuring a bold yet balanced profile.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet red.
- **Aromas:** Generous notes of **black currants, mocha, figs**, and a touch of **espresso**, with subtle hints of oak.
- **Palate:** Rich and dense, with a balanced core showcasing flavors of **dark chocolate, blackberry reduction**, and a touch of spice. The wine's velvety tannins and lively acidity lead to a long, luxurious finish.

Alcohol :14,80 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet
Sauvignon



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Did you know?

The **S.L.V. vineyard** was the source of the historic 1973 Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon that famously won the **Judgment of Paris** in 1976, putting Napa Valley on the global wine map.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted lamb chops:** Enhances the wine's bold tannins and savory depth.
- **Beef Wellington:** Complements the rich flavors and layered complexity.
- **Dark chocolate truffles:** Balances the wine's mocha and dark fruit notes.
- **Roasted wild mushrooms:** Highlights the wine's earthy undertones and structured acidity.



Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

Even applying the usual caveats regarding barrel samples, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon S.L.V. looks extremely promising. The aromas are already strikingly complex, with hints of smoke, violets and cassis-scented fruit. There's an overall sense of richness and harmony in this medium to full-bodied wine, which comes across as being extremely silky, without being soft. (JC)



Decanter (DCT) : 96 Points (2021)

Beautiful and dark, quite captivating heady aromas - liquorice, aniseed, vanilla, cedar, blackcurrant, blackcurrant leaf, some herbal tones and floral elements as well. Supple and forward, this is lithe and sprightly despite the clear heft and power behind the wine. Tannins are so fine and well integrated, it's more the flavours need to soften for me - still quite oak influenced with some ripe blackcurrant and cool blueberries mixing together. It feels polished if not so characterful right now. Lovely high-resolution details on show, you really can feel the precision. I think this will be a beautiful wine in time and this has such a long finish with clear flavour still evident after a few minutes. I'd love to sit and leave this open for a few hours and come back to it to see some evolution. (GH)



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon S.L.V. is a dark, virile wine. Black cherry, plum, leather, tobacco, incense, graphite and dried herbs lend tons of savory/mineral nuance to this powerhouse Cabernet. Big, sweeping tannins wrap it all together in style. This muscular, deep Cabernet Sauvignon hits all the right notes. (AG)



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