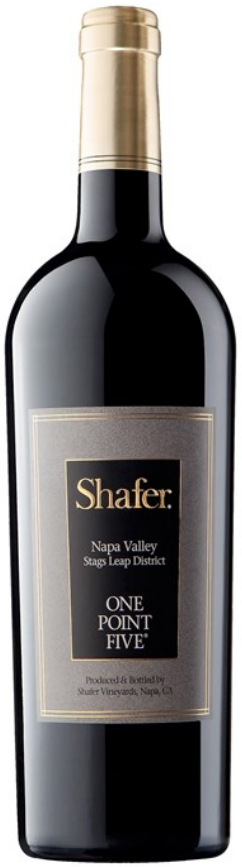
Shafer

A bold yet refined Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine showcases Napa Valley power with Stags Leap District finesse and age-worthy elegance.

One Point Five 2023

California, USA



Alcohol :15,30 %

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Region and Vineyards

One Point Five is rooted in the heart of the Stags Leap District, one of Napa Valley's most celebrated AVAs for Cabernet Sauvignon. Known for its volcanic and gravelly soils, combined with warm days and cool nights, the region imparts ripe tannins, dark fruit purity, and remarkable finesse to its wines. The estate's hillside sites and the Borderline Vineyard contribute intensity and backbone, while additional Napa Valley vineyards provide nuanced complexity.

Shafer's deep commitment to sustainable viticulture is evident across their 240-acre estate. The vineyards are farmed with meticulous precision to encourage optimal ripening and vineyard expression. The name "One Point Five" honors the close father-and-son partnership between John and Doug Shafer—symbolizing not a second generation, but a generation and a half.

Winemaking

The 2021 growing season offered ideal conditions: a long, dry summer with abundant sunshine and cool evenings. These factors led to beautifully concentrated fruit with clean aromatics and structural balance. The grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness, with Brix levels ranging from 23.5° to 25.8°.

The blend is composed of **94% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **3% Petit Verdot**, **2% Merlot**, and **1% Malbec**. Fermentation was followed by **20 months of aging in 100% new French oak**, sourced from Allier and Tronçais forests, lending the wine structure, depth, and luxurious texture. With **15.3% alcohol**, the wine carries both richness and power without sacrificing elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet core with violet edges, dense and saturated.
- **Aroma:** Expressive nose of black cherry, crème de cassis, ripe plum, lavender, and graphite, accented by hints of sweet tobacco and wild herbs.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and layered, with flavors of dark berries, cocoa, black olive, and baking spice. Polished tannins provide grip and poise, leading to a long, mineral-laced finish.

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Did you know?

The name “One Point Five” is a playful reference to the family story behind the wine: Doug Shafer joined his father John in the winery so early that their collaboration is affectionately described as "a generation and a half"—not quite two.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Dry-aged ribeye steak with rosemary butter:** The wine’s structure and bold fruit harmonize with the richness and char of the beef.
- **Braised short ribs with red wine reduction:** Echoes the depth and savory notes of the Cabernet and its blending partners.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Earthy tones complement the wine’s dark fruit and herbal complexity.
- **Hard cheeses like aged Comté or Manchego:** Their umami intensity pairs beautifully with the wine’s ripe tannins and spice-laced finish.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 95 Points (2022)

Dripping-ripe plums and other dark fruits are spun through with aromas of cracked pine and pitch for a complex wine from this Napa icon. Succulent and mouthwatering with melting tannins and a persistent finish.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2022)

While the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon One Point Five includes some purchased fruit, the aim is for it to become fully estate once new plantings come into production. It's an incrementally richer, darker and more concentrated wine than Shafer's TD-9, with black cherries wrapped in a subtle cloak of almost ephemeral cedar and vanilla. Full-bodied and velvety textured, with a lingering finish.

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2022)

This bottling brings a slightly lighter aromatic touch to the Shafer reds, with its red cherry and strawberry aromas over a very full body. Broad, ripe and generous red fruit is wrapped in moderate tannins for good structure and some aging potential.