



**2005 Estate Cabernet Franc
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley**

Technical Data

Release Date ∞ May 2008

Harvest Date ∞ October 2005

Brix at Harvest: 24.4 & 25 Brix average

Wine Data

TA: 0.55

PH: 3.57

Alcohol: 14.6%

Fermentation: 10-15 days average

Barrel Ageing: 24 months

French Oak

Blend:

99 % Cabernet Franc

1 % Merlot

Cases Produced: 785

Steltzner Vineyards & Stags Leap District

Stags Leap District is a unique place to farm grapes. Often called a valley within the Napa Valley, the Stags Leap District is influenced by cool evening breezes from the San Pablo bay and rocky volcanic soils. Combined with our eastern exposure this is an ideal place for growing grapes. Our family has been farming this land since 1965.

Cabernet Franc

Cabernet Franc was first established on our Stags Leap District Property in 1978, as suggested by a professor from Montpellier. 1982 was the first year a small amount of Cabernet Franc was blended to our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Franc by nature is a soft-tannin wine, fruit-forward with good acidity.

Tasting Notes:

Nice bright red fruit flavors dominate up front giving way to darker notes of blueberries enhanced with oak vanillin and baking spices.