



**2005 Estate Malbec
Stags Leap District, Napa Valley**

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.

Malbec

This wine is a blend of our 2 acre Malbec vineyard combined with our favorite Merlot block from the 2005 vintage, both are located in our estate vineyard in the Stags Leap District of the Napa Valley.

Color: Rich, deep red & garnet.

Nose: Floral aromas combine with mineral notes, hints of baking spice and fruit aromas of Blackberries and Cherries. There is a nice smoky barrel character with notes of cream and baking spice.

Mouth: A smooth, rich, mouth filling wine that is well balanced across the whole palate. There are soft, well integrated tannins that provide structure and a nice lingering finish. The wine shows nice ripe fruit flavors of Cherries, and Blackberries along with some mineral and deep spicy notes.

Technical Data

Release Date ∞ September 2007

Harvest Date ∞ October 3, 2005

Brix at Harvest: 24.7 Brix

Wine Data

TA: 0.57

PH: 3.56

Alcohol: 13.4%

Fermentation: 10-15 days average

Barrel Ageing: 16 months

Mixed French Oak

Blend:

85 % Estate Malbec

15 % Estate Merlot

Cases Produced: 395

Winemaker: Tim Dolven