

Winemaker Tasting Notes

2009 MALK FAMILY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAGS LEAP DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY

The 2009 Malk Family Vineyards Stag's Leap Cabernet is a pleasure from start to finish. It's deep, dark red appearance offers a first glimpse of its rich and lively nature. The nose is filled with many of the attributes that have become signatures of this wine...vanilla-spice, sweet chocolate, and ripe blackberry and currant. The 2009 also offers interesting mineral notes of crushed gravel and even notes of the loamy and volcanic soils in which the grapes are grown. More delicate aromas of paper whites and lavender come and go as they mix with hints of fresh tobacco leaf and cedar. While the weighty palate is incredibly supple, there is plenty of concentration in this wine to carry it for many years of enjoyment.

PRODUCTION NOTES:

- Winemaker: Robbie Meyer
- Production: 192 cases
- Griffin Vineyard
- Stags Leap District of Napa Valley
- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Harvested in October 2009
- Hand sorted
- 25 day maceration,
- Native yeast and natural malolactic
- 20 months in French oak; 75% new
- Bottled in June 2011
- Released December 2012

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