

# Winemaker Tasting Notes

## 2012 MALK FAMILY VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAGS LEAP DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY

The 2012 Malk Family Vineyards Stag's Leap Cabernet is a perfect example of what the appellation has to offer. The dark, yet vibrant color of the wine gives the first glimpse of its depth and elegance. The nose offers classic ripe black currant aromas, but is highlighted with beautiful floral qualities, light clove and spice, and even notes of milk chocolate and vanilla. The 2012 reveals interesting mineral notes of crushed gravel and even notes of the loamy and volcanic soils in which the grapes are grown. 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: 450 cases
- Griffin Vineyard
- Stags Leap District of Napa Valley
- 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Harvested in October 2012
- Hand sorted
- 25 day maceration,
- Native yeast and natural malolactic
- 20 months in French oak; 75% new
- Bottled in May 2014
- Wine Enthusiast Score: 90 points
- James Suckling Score: 90 points
- Robert Parker Score: 91 points

