

2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Stag's Leap District Napa Valley

Vineyard

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine came from the Annapurna Vineyard in the Stag's Leap District. The vineyard is on a south facing hillside location, taking advantage of the warm southern exposure, which was very important in the cool harvest of 2003. The vines were planted in the old style of Napa Valley--- wider spacing and thus bigger vines. It was planted on 5C rootstock using Cabernet clone 2. These vines have the advantage of producing many, small berried clusters which lead to more character in the wine. The yields are low at 3 tons per acre.

Tasting Notes

The 2003 vintage was a very cool year, with the grapes picked late—October 16. Fortunately the southern exposure of this vineyard had ample warmth and the grapes ripened fully. The characteristic Stag's Leap flavors are dark stone fruits and bramble berries. This berry aroma is especially present in the Renteria Cabernet. The mouth feel is also a classic Stag's Leap—plush mid-palate with full, rich but soft, velvety tannins.

Statistics Composition 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard 100% Annapurna Vineyard, Stag's Leap

District

Alcohol 14.5%

Harvest Date October 16

Cooperage Aged 22 months in 40% New French Oak

Winemaker Karen Culler Production 109 cases Suggested Retail \$45.00