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**2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
STAGS LEAP DISTRICT  
NAPA VALLEY**

COMPOSITION: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
VINEYARD: 100% STELTZNER VINEYARD, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY  
HARVEST DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2007  
BRIX AT HARVEST: 27.3  
FINISHED PH: 3.43  
FINISHED TA: 7.1 g/L  
ALCOHOL: 14.2%  
COOPERAGE: AGED 20 MONTHS IN 58% NEW FRENCH OAK  
WINEMAKER: KAREN CULLER  
PRODUCTION: 530 CASES  
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2010

**VINEYARD:** THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON GRAPES FOR THIS WINE CAME FROM THE STELTZNER VINEYARD IN THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, PLANTED IN 1996 TO CLONE 7. THE VINES ARE PLANTED IN THE NEW STYLE OF NAPA VALLEY, WITH NARROWER SPACING AND THUS SMALLER VINES. THESE VINES HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF PRODUCING MANY, SMALL BERRIED CLUSTERS THAT TYPICALLY SHATTER, WHICH LEADS TO MORE CHARACTER IN THE WINE.

**VINTAGE:** THE 2007 VINTAGE WAS VERY SIMILAR TO 2004. BUDBREAK WAS EARLY WHEN THE SOILS WARMED QUICKLY AFTER AN EARLY END TO THE WINTER RAINS. THE VINES GREW ALL SEASON WITH A WATER DEFICIT AND THE RESULTING BERRIES WERE SMALL AND CONCENTRATED. THE STELTZNER VINEYARD IS NATURALLY WELL DRAINED DUE TO THE GRAVELLY, VOLCANIC TUFFA SOIL. THIS COUPLED WITH THE LOW RAINFALL IN 2007 PRODUCED SMALL BERRIES WITH CONCENTRATED FLAVORS, AND FULLY RIPENED TANNINS.

**TASTING NOTES:** STAGS LEAP WINES TEND TO SHINE IN YEARS LIKE 2007. THE NATURAL ACIDITY FROM WINES IN THE AREA IS A PERFECT COMPLEMENT TO THE INTENSITY, OF THE TANNINS IN A DROUGHTY YEAR. STAGS LEAP WINES USUALLY HAVE A SOFT PLUSH TEXTURE IN THE PALATE, AND THIS DEFINITELY STILL SHOWS THROUGH THE BIGGER TANNINS IN THE FINISH. THE CHARACTERISTIC STAGS LEAP FLAVORS ARE DARK STONE FRUITS AND BRAMBLE BERRIES. THIS BERRY AROMA IS ESPECIALLY PRESENT IN THE RENTERIA CABERNET.

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