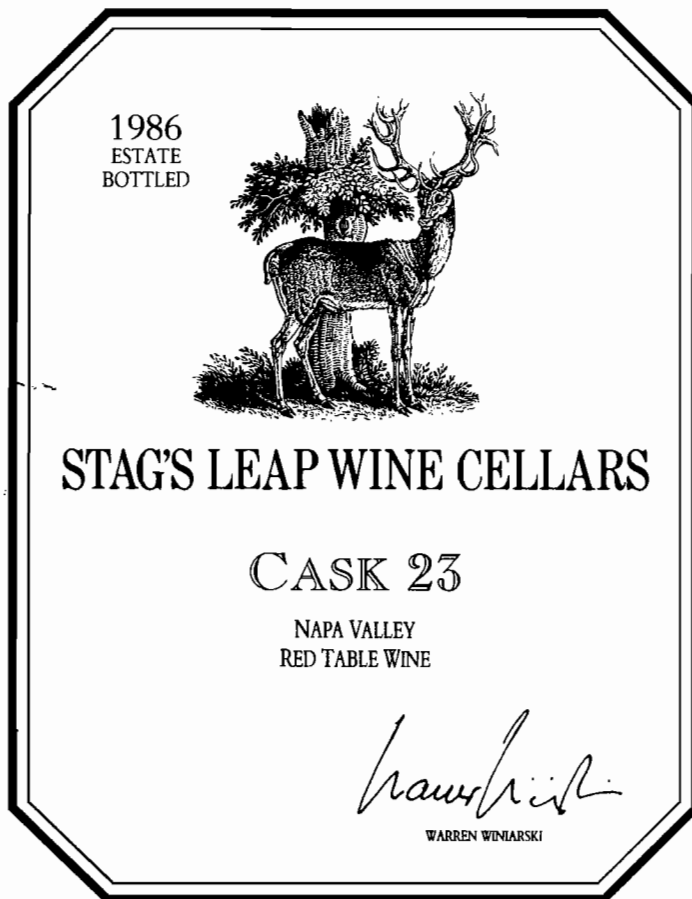


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STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS
CASK 23

We are pleased to announce the release of the 1986 Cask23.

The aroma is deeply complex, imbued with the cedary, dry leaf character typical of SLV Cabernets. The Cask23 version of our vineyard's characteristics presents a higher level of magnitude than that of the prized SLV from the same vintage. Supple and velvety on the lips, this wine introduces itself in the mouth as easily and without effort as breathing. Firm texture, spicy flavor and strength balance the gentleness of the first impression and bring together, once more in 1986, the compelling combination described as a "velvet glove surrounding an iron fist." The finish is firm, with a bit of tannin still to find its place within the composition of the whole palate.

In the company of good friends for a special occasion, you will find this wine a majestic companion for richly sauced meats or game. With further maturity, a rack of lamb will be a superb complement.

You will remember that the Cask23 is only designated in years of exceptional merit, and although not the quintessential magnitude of perfection found in the 1985 Cask23, I find the 1986 Cask23 is well placed among the traditional standards of excellence set by previous Cask23 vintages.

Warren Winiarski