



Stag's Leap Wine Cellars 1972 S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon

A taste of Nathan Fay's homemade 1968 Cabernet Sauvignon led Warren Winiarski to look for a vineyard near Nathan's, which lay beneath the eastern promontory called "Stags Leap," 6 miles north of Napa. Warren purchased 45 acres of orchard adjoining the FAY vineyard and planted it to Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in 1970. This bottling, not generally released, was the first to bear the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars name.

VINTAGE NOTES

Rainfall was only half the norm. Warm temperatures in early spring brought the vines out of dormancy weeks ahead of schedule. Frost damage was limited to unprotected vineyards and the vines set well. Midsummer record heat accelerated grape ripening, a positive because of harvest rainfall. Quality was diminished on some of the late harvest varieties. Quality for Cabernet Sauvignon remained high.