

2002 CLIFF LEDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

Winemaker Notes

Driven by Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2002 blend includes three more of the five red Bordeaux grapes. Each of the blending grapes contributes to the final wine; Merlot adds richness and weight, Cabernet Franc contributes aromatics, and the Malbec intensifies color and spiciness. Seductive in its potent ripeness, this wine's hallmark is its enduring complexity and balance.

Tasting Notes

Tasted in September 2015, the winemaking team is excited by the evolution of this vintage, now ten years from release. Beautiful bottle-aged aromas of black tea leaf, forest floor, and leather are revealing themselves. Sweet impressions of black cherry and plum are at the core, framing a classic structure. This has been aged to perfection and is ready to drink for the 2015 holiday season.

Analysis

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

 Alcohol:
 14.5%

 Bottled:
 2004

 Release:
 2005