

2004 POETRY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

These Cabernet Sauvignons, made from only the best fruit from select vineyards, are quintessential representatives of some of Napa's most renowned appellations. They are produced in limited quantities, and only in years when the quality of the fruit and resulting wine are exceptional. Sourced from the steep hillside terraces of our own Poetry Vineyard, this wine delivers all of the elegance and concentration for which the Stags Leap District is famous.

**Vintage**

An early, warm start to spring was followed by cooler weather during flowering. This led to a smaller and more concentrated crop. A brief, yet intense ripening period (temperatures hovered over 100° F for several days) allowed fruit to achieve superb ripeness while maintaining a generous balance of acidity and richness.

**Vineyard**

The Poetry Vineyard is the easternmost of our two estate Stags Leap District vineyards, located just a stone's throw from the winery and the Twin Peaks estate vineyard. The vineyard sits on a steep west-facing high-exposure hillside below the luxurious Poetry Inn. Reaching from the highest elevation of the Stags Leap District Appellation down almost to the valley floor, this vineyard's heart and soul are a gritty combination of shallow soils atop fractured shales and low-yielding old vines of Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Winemaking**

Hand harvested into small thirty-five pound boxes, the grapes were destemmed to tank for a two to five day, pre-fermentation cold soak. Selected lots underwent extended maceration to further develop the tannin structure. The free run was separated from the press wine and racked into thin-stave French chateau style oak barrels (eighty-nine percent of which were new), where the wine was aged for twenty-four months.

**Tasting Notes**

High-toned aromas of blueberry pie, anise, dark chocolate ganache, baking spice, and an array of various floral notes overlay a thick layer of graphite, mineral, and even some wet clay. The palate is presented with a succession of intense dried currant, cherry compote, and tea notes, gently evolving into a bouquet of candied flowers. Built with a fine, soft, prolonged tannin structure, this wine elegantly and gradually concludes with a pleasant lingering citrus-oil acidity and a long finish.

**Analysis**

Composition:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot		
Alcohol:	14.8%	Bottling Date:	December 2006
Production:	680 cases	Release Date:	November 2007