

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Ilsley Vineyards
2005 Cabernet Sauvignon
 Napa Valley
325 Cases Produced

Nestled in the fertile hills of Napa Valley's Stags Leap District lies the historical Ilsley Vineyards, which for three generations has provided grapes for some of Napa Valley's finest wines and wineries, including Robert Mondavi Winery and Shafer Vineyards. The Ilsley family began growing grapes in 1954, and now over fifty years later with hand-selected grapes from their hillside vineyards, the family has produced two limited production, estate wines that truly capture the essence of Stags Leap District: a Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Merlot. This family winery divides the work between three third-generation siblings and their spouses, each of whom has a full time job and works for the family business as a labor of love. The team is joined by winemaker Craig MacLean who has over 20 years of winemaking experience in the Napa Valley and has carefully crafted each of the winery's vintages, beginning with the small 489-case release in 2000. Ilsley Vineyards' wines have consistently garnered 92+ Point scores, which has helped establish the venture as one of the valley's great, ultra-boutique wineries.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The Ilsley 2005 'Single Vineyard Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon is an intriguing, complex blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, and 6% Merlot. This 2005 vintage was ideal for wine growers, sometimes called a "Cinderella vintage," and characterized by moderately high yields and very high quality. Ilsley's Estate Cabernet was awarded a stunning **94 Points** from *Wine Enthusiast*: "A polished and classic Stags Leap Cab, showing the velvet glove quality of approachability, but the iron fist of ageability. Firm in tannins and bone dry, it offers lush flavors of crushed ripe blackberries, with oaky notes of butterscotch and meringue. Delicious." Deep, dark ruby in color, this 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon is a wonderful mixture of bright black fruits, black cherry, blackberry, blueberries, spice and flowers, slight cedar, and milk chocolate, roses, integrated toasty oak and honeysuckle. It's mouth filling, with an outstanding middle palate and dense yet smooth tannins. This Cabernet has a superb balance with a very long finish. Try pairing the Ilsley 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon with your favorite barbequed steaks. Enjoy now until 2012.

REORDERS

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon

Winery Direct: \$55.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$47.00 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$44.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.
 (plus shipping)

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