



## 2007 HILLSIDE SELECT®

NAPA VALLEY • STAGS LEAP DISTRICT • CELEBRATING OUR 25TH VINTAGE

Hillside Select is a wine of a place, produced each vintage from carefully selected blocks of the hillside vineyards surrounding the winery. These grapes are small and deeply colored, with concentrated flavors enhanced by meticulous winemaking and extensive aging in French oak barrels. Hillside Select consistently expresses the voluptuous fruit, rich flavors and velvety texture that characterize grapes grown in Stags Leap District.

Release Date	September 1, 2011
Vineyard Location	100% Shafer Estate Hillside Vineyards in Stags Leap District including Sunspot, John's Folly, Venado Ilegal and Firebreak blocks
2007 Growing Season	In 2007 Stags Leap District offered everything a Cabernet Sauvignon vine loves, starting with a dry, warm spring leading to ideal conditions for summer-long fruit development. The lack of rain early in the year gave us smaller-than-usual clusters by harvest time, which resulted in smaller berries with outstanding concentration.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix at Harvest	24.0° - 25.5°
Alcohol	15.5%
Cooperage	32 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)
Food Affinities	Grilled or roasted lamb, duck, beef and game; dishes featuring roasted red peppers or caramelized onions; seasonings of basil, mint or rosemary. Aged, full-flavor cheeses are also complementary.



### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*"Our 25th vintage of Hillside Select offers aromatic elegance and classic Stags Leap District flavors of black fruit, mocha, black plums, cassis, juicy black and red cherry, black tea, with spice and warm toast. Ripe, silken tannins result in a pleasing, lengthy finish, smooth texture, and a refined structure which offers the potential for very long term aging."*

— ELIAS FERNANDEZ

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*"... sweet aromas of blueberries, blackberries, charcoal and subtle toast. The wine possesses fabulous concentration, a seamless/flawless personality, a textbook integration of alcohol, wood, tannin and acidity, an almost endless finish and a voluptuous texture ... a colossal wine that will still be going strong in 2050."*

— ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., THE WINE ADVOCATE

### SHAHER VINEYARDS

Shafer Vineyards is a 32,000 case winery in Napa Valley's Stags Leap District managed by the father and son team of John and Doug Shafer. The Shafer family owns and farms 200 acres of vineyards, sources for Shafer's Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, and Syrah.