

# Nice Winery

## 2009 Stags Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon

*Stags Leap District, Napa Valley*



**DOUBLE GOLD  
MEDAL**

**Awards:** *Double Gold Medal, (2009 Vintage)*

2018 *Rodeo Uncorked!* Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo  
International Wine Competition

**94 Points** – Wine Enthusiast

### About the Wine

When Ian was in Sommelier Training with Master Sommelier David Glancy, he had the opportunity to meet some of the top grape growers and winemakers in Napa Valley. He learned an important lesson first-hand: In order to make a great Cabernet Sauvignon, you cannot cut any corners and there are no shortcuts. Ian knew that his first wine had to be made to exacting standards.

Every grape selected for this bottle was hand-picked and hand-sorted. We fermented the grapes in open-top, French oak barrels and "punched down" the grape skins into the juice by hand every day during the fermentation. We closely monitored each barrel during the fermentation for cleanliness, temperature and brix levels to insure a steady and uninterrupted fermentation. All of these practices increase the level of concentration, complexity and quality of the finished wine. We then aged the wine in 10 new and second use French oak barrels for a full 24 months. At the end of the barrel aging, we tasted the wine in each barrel and selected the best 8 barrels to use in the finished wine. Once bottled, we allow the wine to remain undisturbed in cold Napa Valley cellars for a minimum of two additional years so that the wine is supple and smooth when released.

We suggest decanting this wine for one hour and then serving it with grilled or braised meats and game.

**Tasting notes:** Black Cherry. Cassis. Cigar Box. Cherry Cordial.

### About Ryan and Ian

Certified Sommeliers, Wine Educators and Le Cordon Bleu trained Chefs Ryan Levy and Ian Eastveld are the "Foodie Superduo" behind Nice Winery.



Their chef-driven wines have been lauded in *Wine Enthusiast*, awarded 94 point ratings and gold medals, and are featured on top wine lists. When not making their hand-crafted wines, the chefs teach about wine and food at their Houston winery and tasting studio.



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