

CLOS DU VAL'S ESTATE VINEYARDS

Clos du Val has farmed two estate vineyards in Stags Leap District and Yountville for almost 50 years. Recognized as some of the finest winegrowing land in Napa Valley, these vineyards provide a world-class palette of estate fruit for our winemaking team.

HIRONDELLE VINEYARD

STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

The crown jewel of Clos du Val's estate program is a majestic vineyard in the heart of Stags Leap District. Acquired in 1972, this coveted land is home to Clos du Val, and features 120 acres and nine different clones of some of the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in North America. Often referred to as a "valley within a valley," Stags Leap District was the first American Viticultural Area (AVA) in the United States to be approved based on its gravel and loam soils. The AVA, which is just three miles long and one mile wide, is celebrated for its ideal climate that draws in cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay through the Stags Leap District corridor. This lowers evening temperatures and allows the grapes to ripen slowly, producing velvety tannins and pure varietal flavors, while retaining ideal natural acidity — qualities that are perfect for making exceptional, age-worthy wines.

Clos du Val's Hironnelle Vineyard features approximately 126 acres of vines, divided into 34 unique blocks, each with its own combination of clone, rootstock, vine age and soil type. Just over 100 acres of these plantings are made up of nine different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, with the remainder of the vineyard planted to Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The vineyard offers a uniform east-west exposure for even ripening throughout, with well-drained hair loam and alluvial rock soils that limit yields, increase concentration, and add a signature streak of minerality to Clos du Val's Cabernets.

RIVERBEND VINEYARD

YOUNTVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

Along a narrow stretch of the Napa River sits the Riverbend Vineyard, a 100 acre site bordered by a rich riparian area. The viticultural team at Clos du Val had the unique opportunity to plant this site in phases starting in 2015 and completing in 2016. Today, the vineyard is beginning to produce fruit for the first time for Clos du Val's estate wines. Because of the variety of soil types (Cole silt loam, Pleasanton loam, and Clear Lake clay) the vineyard could be planted to numerous varieties and rootstocks, adding greater diversity to the estate's wine program. Seventy percent is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in roughly five acre blocks. To add to the variety of fruit qualities available to the winemaking team, they selected 10 different Cabernet Sauvignon clones and a wide variety of rootstocks, each matched to the soil types. In addition to Cabernet Sauvignon, the vineyard is planted to complementary Bordeaux varieties such as Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. A small amount of Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier rounds out the plantings.