

# BENCH VINEYARDS

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## STAGS LEAP DISTRICT



### THE PROJECT

Husband and wife team Sam Sharp and Allison Steltzner have partnered with her parents, Richard and Christine, to create Bench Vineyards. The brand is named after the unique topography of their 30 acre Estate, a true bench land vineyard located on the eastern side of Napa Valley, directly below the Stags Leap District Palisades.

Partnering with Jim Barbour on the vineyard side and Winemaker Mike Smith the goal of Bench Vineyards is to make modern elegant wines that reflect their Stags Leap District vineyard location.

### THE ESTATE

Planted to Cabernet Sauvignon in 1964, this site was chosen by Richard Steltzner for its unique topography at the base of the Stags Leap Palisades. Meticulous farming by Jim Barbour partnered with mature vineyard plantings provide amazing quality of fruit to work with. Gentle slope, elevation, unique soils and cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay mark this as a truly remarkable vineyard site.

### CIRCA 64

This estate blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Malbec celebrates the year in which Richard Steltzner originally purchased and planted the property.

### WINE FACTS:

PRODUCTION: 225 cases  
WINEMAKER: Mike Smith  
RELEASE DATE: October 2017  
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$105.00

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