



## *The Judge & Stag's Leap is back again...*

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...und hat es schon wieder getan.

Anlässlich des 40. Jahrestages der legendären Verkostung (siehe unten) in Paris, als Stag's Leap SLV die großen Namen aus Frankreich auf die Plätze verwies, legten britische Weinkritiker um den Master of Wine Richard Bampfield das Thema nochmals neu auf. Es wurde wieder blind verkostet:

### Bordeaux:

2001 Haut-Brion, 2001 Montrose, 2001 Mouton-Rothschild, 2001 Léoville-Las-Cases

### Kalifornien:

2005 Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, 2005 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - SLV, 2001 Clos du Val, 2005 Heitz Wine Cellars - Martha's Vineyard, 2002 Mount Veeder - Mayacamas Vineyards, 2001 Freemark Abbey.

### Das Ergebnis?

## **Platz 1 bei den Rotweinen : 2005 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars – SLV**

Vor Haut Brion, Mouton oder Las Cases (siehe unten).

Natürlich sollten Sie die Möglichkeit haben, einen solchen Kalifornier, der sich in einer Blindprobe vor die 1er Cru Classé schiebt, auch zu erwerben. Es gibt weltweit nur noch vereinzelt Flaschen. Aber Dank meinem Besuch 2011 auf dem Weingut und dem ausgezeichneten Kontakt seit jener Zeit, konnte ich mir die letzten 180 Flaschen des Weinguts sichern, die das Weingut bereit war, an mich abzugeben. Nur noch einige Kisten für spätere Proben wurden zurückbehalten. Mittlerweile hat Stag's Leap Anfragen aus aller Welt wegen dem 2005er. Aber keinen Wein mehr. Den hat sich der Grimm mal wieder für seine Kunden gesichert. Import läuft.

Allerdings hat Stag's Leap einen Mindestpreis im Internet verlangt. Wird natürlich respektiert. Gilt aber nicht für Sie. Bleibt ja unter uns und nur auf unserer Homepage.

Noch in den 50er und 60er Jahren des letzten Jahrhunderts wurden in Kalifornien einfache und einfachste Weine erzeugt. Nur wenige Winzer konzentrierten sich auf die Erzeugung von wirklichen Qualitätsweinen. Als aber der kalifornische Weinbau durch „the judgement of Paris“ 1976 über Nacht zu internationaler Anerkennung kam, stand fortan die Qualität im Vordergrund. Kalifornische Chardonnay und Cabernet belegten die ersten Plätze vor Mouton, Haut-Brion, Ramonet oder Leflaive. Auf dem ersten Platz bei den Rotweinen lag ein Cabernet aus Kalifornien - Cabernet SLV von Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. Für die alte Weinwelt unvorstellbar. Aber da es sich um eine Blindverkostung anerkannter Weinspezialisten und -kritiker handelte - "The Judge" war rechtskräftig & Kalifornien hatte seinen festen Platz unter den Spitzenweinerzeugern.

Rank	Wine	Vintage	Origin
1.	<a href="#">Stag's Leap Wine Cellars</a>	1973	 USA
2.	<a href="#">Château Mouton-Rothschild</a>	1970	 France
3.	<a href="#">Château Montrose</a>	1970	 France
4.	<a href="#">Château Haut-Brion</a>	1970	 France
5.	<a href="#">Ridge Vineyards</a> Monte Bello	1971	 USA
6.	<a href="#">Château Leoville Las Cases</a>	1971	 France
7.	<a href="#">Heitz Wine Cellars</a> Martha's Vineyard	1970	 USA
8.	<a href="#">Clos Du Val Winery</a>	1972	 USA
9.	<a href="#">Mayacamas Vineyards</a>	1971	 USA
10.	<a href="#">Freemark Abbey Winery</a>	1969	 USA





### ***Quelle: Winesearcher, 31. Mai 2016***

**A Judgment of Paris anniversary tasting sees Stag's Leap Wine Cellars jump ahead of the pack again.  
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**Stag's Leap Wine Cellars has come top at a London re-run of the Judgement of Paris, 40 years on from the original tasting.**

**It was on 24th May 1976 that Steven Spurrier, then a long-haired young wine merchant in Paris, pitched American and French wines against each other in the tasting that made his reputation.**

**The 1973 Cabernet from the great Napa vineyard was the winner of the original Paris tasting, with Château Montelena coming top in the whites.**

**The events of that day – how the most influential French wine critics of the age scored Napa wines higher than their famous French counterparts – have passed into legend.**

**There have been many re-creations and anniversaries since then, most notably in 2006, when simultaneous tastings, with the original vintages, were staged in London and Napa.**

**In that tasting, against even the expectations of their winemakers, the California Cabernets – 1971 Ridge Monte Bello, 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, '71 Mayacamas, '70 Heitz, and '72 Clos du Val – were voted superior to their rivals in Bordeaux.**

**Last week – on Tuesday 24th May – several dozen wine enthusiasts sat down to a \$1100-a-head dinner at 67 Pall Mall, the upmarket members-only club beloved of the wine trade.**

**All the original wines, in various vintages from 2001 to 2012, were tasted blind and ranked from one to 10.**

**The 2005 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars SLV was voted best red, and the 2011 Chalone Vineyard Chardonnay came top in the whites. California dominated the white lineup, clinching four of the top five places. The only Burgundy to make the top five was the Domaine Roulot.**

**In the reds, Château Haut-Brion took second place, followed by Ridge Monte Bello, Freemark Abbey and Château Montrose.**

**In the original tasting, Napa's Château Montelena took first place, with the Domaine Roulot Meursault second; the red line up had Stag's Leap first, followed by Mouton and Haut-Brion.**

**Remembering that day 40 years ago, Spurrier recalled the accidental nature of it all. Wanting to promote the Californian wines on his list, he had hit on the idea of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a Franco-American tasting.**

**"We simply wanted to show that California could hold its own against the best of France. We had no idea they would be judged superior." He recounted the fury of some of the French judges, and how Odette Kahn, editor of La Revue du Vin de France (who had marked Stag's Leap and Montelena top) had demanded her notes back, accusing Spurrier of fixing the results.**

**He also remembered how the event might not have got any publicity at all had George Taber, the Paris correspondent for Time who coined the famous "Judgement of Paris" label, not turned up. "We invited him, and he said he'd come along if he had nothing better to do. So we were lucky it was a slow news day."**

**Richard Bampfield MW, one of the professional judges at the event, said it was hard to overestimate the effect the 1976 tasting had on the wine industry. "It was a massive boost to California, and a wake-up call to the French."**

**Of the wines, he said the tasting reinforced the notion that "great sites produce great wines – on both sides of the Atlantic".**

**Grant Ashton, the founder and CEO of 67 Pall Mall, said he was pleased with the way the wines showed on the night, although one of the Burgundies, the Leflaive Les Pucelles, was oxidized. "With white Burgundies of that age, premature oxidation is an occupational hazard," he said.**

He added that he will be running an annual celebration of the Paris Tasting on May 24th, and had already booked Spurrier for 2017.

Wines in final order:

## White:

- 2011 Chalone Vineyard, Chardonnay, Monterey, California
- 2010 David Bruce Winery, Los Gatos Chardonnay, Santa Cruz Mountains, California
- 2002 Chateau Montelena, Chardonnay, Calistoga, California
- 2006 Domaine Roulot, Meursault 1er Cru Charmes, Burgundy
- 2012 Freemark Abbey Winery, Chardonnay, Napa Valley, California
- 2002 Joseph Drouhin, Beaune 1er Cru, Clos des Mouches, Burgundy
- 2010 Spring Mountain Vineyard, Chardonnay, Spring Mountain, California
- 2002 Domaine Leflaive, 1er Cru Les Pucelles, Puligny-Montrachet, Burgundy
- 2009 Veedercrest Vineyards, Ruhl Vineyard Chardonnay, Yountville, California
- 2000 Domaine Ramonet, Grand Cru, Bâtard-Montrachet, Burgundy

Beim 2005er SLV Stag's Leap sind Sie absolut frei. Die Bordeaux kann ich zu den angegebenen Preisen auf Wunsch in Bordeaux kaufen. Hier ist die Mindestabnahme stets eine 12er Einheit.

## Red:

<b>Platz 1:</b>	<b>2005 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, SLV, Stags Leap District, California</b>	<b>EUR 117,00 statt 159,00</b>
<b>Platz 2:</b>	<b>2001 Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux</b>	<b>EUR 465,00 *</b>
<b>Platz 3:</b>	<b>2005 Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz, California</b>	
<b>Platz 4:</b>	<b>2001 Freemark Abbey, Bosché Vineyard, Rutherford, California</b>	
<b>Platz 5:</b>	<b>2001 Château Montrose, Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux</b>	<b>EUR 135,00 *</b>
<b>Platz 6:</b>	<b>2001 Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac, Bordeaux</b>	<b>EUR 560,00 *</b>
<b>Platz 7:</b>	<b>2001 Clos du Val, Stags Leap District, California</b>	
<b>Platz 8:</b>	<b>2005 Heitz Wine Cellars, Martha's Vineyard, St Helena, California</b>	
<b>Platz 9:</b>	<b>2001 Château Léoville-Las-Cases, Saint-Julien, Bordeaux</b>	<b>EUR 199,00 *</b>
<b>Platz 10:</b>	<b>2002 Mayacamas Vineyards, Mount Veeder, California</b>	

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STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

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<b>2013 Cabernet Sauvignon SLV</b>	<b>0,75</b>	<b>119,00</b>
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**Parker (96):** "...The 40th anniversary cuvée 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon S.L.V. is a real beauty without a hard edge to be found. It has a velvety texture, beautiful blueberry, black raspberry and blackcurrant fruit, a judicious touch of oak, sweet, creamy full-bodied opulence, stunning purity, and represents a prodigious effort to celebrate 40 years."

<b>2013 Cabernet Sauvignon FAY</b>	<b>0,75</b>	<b>119,00</b>
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**Parker (95):** "...The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Fay Vineyard, much like the S.L.V. and the Cask 23, spent 21 months in 100% new French oak. Beautiful saturated ruby/purple color offers up notes of spring flowers, black raspberry, blueberry and blackberry, sweet tannin, a full-bodied, lush velvety texture, and no hard edges. This is a beauty to drink now and over the next 20-25 years."



## 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Cask 23

0,75

189,90

**Parker (97+):** "...The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Cask 23 is backward, but concentrated, with beautiful blue, red and black fruits, spring flowers, a touch of toasty oak, relatively noticeable tannin and a full-bodied, multi-layered mouthfeel. This is coiled tight compared to the 2012, but has fabulous upside potential. Forget it for another 3-4 years and drink it over the following 25-30 years."

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