

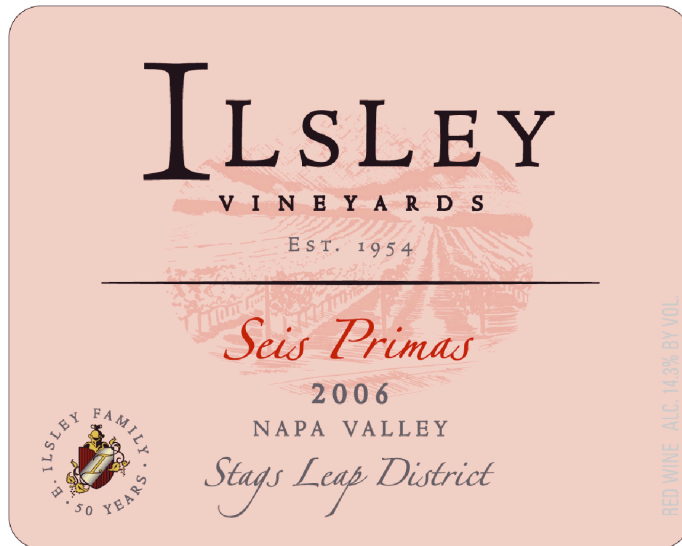
# ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES

### 2006 SEIS PRIMAS



Vintage: 2006  
Appellation: Stags Leap District  
Blend: 52% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
36% Malbec, 6% Merlot,  
6% Petite Verdot  
Winemaker: Craig MacLean  
Production: 238 Cases  
Harvest Dates: September 16 to  
October 11, 2006  
Brix: Average 24.6  
ph: 3.75

The 2006 Seis Primas had a long hang time which produced a wine of intrigue, tremendous complexity, and deep color. Aromas of black fruit, dusty rose petals and spice leap from the glass followed with red licorice, cherries, brown sugar and nutmeg. The pallet is excited with beautiful vibrancy, bright cherries and red fruit compliment the rich texture and long silky finish.

#### 2006 Vintage Notes

The year began with record rainfall, thus delaying bud break and bloom, but once the skies cleared the vines set a wonderful crop. A four day hot spell in July put the vines "on hold" before ripening continued when mild weather returned. Lower temperatures through September and October provided a long hang time for the fruit, and harvest began later than normal. The crop level was average, but the quality excellent.

#### Seis Primas

In 1996, Ed Ilsley planted a small block of Malbec near the original 20 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon which had been planted on the family estate in the early 1960s. He believed that this varietal would be well suited to the Stags Leap property. As the vineyards and their family evolved, Ed wanted to honor his granddaughters with a blend of the well established Cabernet and the newer Malbec. Ernie, David and Janice liked their father's idea and they moved forward with it. Working with the Ilsley Vineyards wine maker, Craig MacLean, they proceeded to create a blend worthy of the fourth generation of their wine growing family. This delicious wine is called Seis Primas, the six girl cousins. It celebrates Kimberly, Julia, Alyssa, Analise, Kate and Olivia, the future of Ilsley Vineyards. Seis Primas is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and has a touch of Merlot from the six estate vineyard blocks named for each of the six cousins.

We are proud of our vineyards and the fruit that they bear.



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