

ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

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Vintage: 2015

Harvest: September 3 to
September 19, 2015

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 62% Malbec,
24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot,
2% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Bottling Date: June 27, 2017

Production: 183 Cases

Brix: Average 26.3

pH: 3.50

Total Acidity: 7.3 g/L

Alcohol: 14.7%

Tasting Notes Following in the recent tradition of the Ilsley Vineyards Seis Primas blend, the 2015 is based in wonderful dark, rich Stag's Leap Malbec. With Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and a small amount of Cabernet Franc to round out the blend, the wine is inky dark and full of fruit and fun. The season was short and sudden and the wine reflects that with bright acidity for long aging and food pairing with big, rich foods. The aromas showcase big red fruit like ripe plum and berries, there is a whiff of almond with just a faint touch of something spicy like oregano or rosemary. In the mouth the wine is bright and lively with a mixture of red fruit, spice and a touch of leather. The palate is well structured for food pairings like beef and lamb and for long aging.

Vintage Notes After 3 abundant harvests, Mother Nature put her stamp on the 2015 vintage with cool spring weather during flowering that led to poor fruit set. The result was "loose" clusters with fewer berries than previous years. Fortunately summer was uneventful, cool nights and dry warm days allowed the fruit to fully ripen with great color and concentration of flavors. As expected with a small crop, harvest began a bit early with Merlot picked the first week of September. A few hot days accelerated the pace then Malbec and Cabernet followed shortly after.

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. 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. Working with the Ilsley Vineyards winemaker, 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 from the six estate vineyard blocks named for each of the six cousins.



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