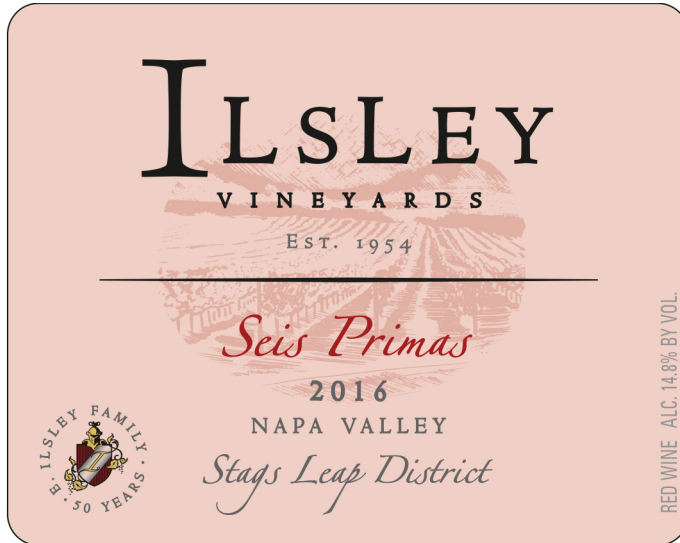


# ILSLEY

VINEYARDS  
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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2016 SEIS PRIMAS



**Vintage:** 2016  
**Harvest:** September 7 to  
September 28, 2016  
**Appellation:** 100% Stags Leap District  
**Blend:** 57% Malbec,  
36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot  
**Winemaker:** Heather Pyle  
**Bottling Date:** May 9, 2018  
**Production:** 187 Cases  
**Brix:** Average 26.0  
**pH:** 3.57  
**Total Acidity:** 6.5 g/L  
**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Tasting Notes** Seis Primas is a blend that showcases Malbec, a varietal that grows very well on the Downey Ranch of Ilsley Vineyards. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot round out the blend, creating a wine that is fruit forward and fun but structured for red meats, rich sauces and long aging. This Seis Primas shows milk chocolate and cocoa at first and then presents its raspberry and ripe Bing Cherry for a lovely combination of fruit and spice. There is also some new cigar box and a hint of sage to round things out. The mouth is full and rich like when you sip red wine next to a warm fire. The middle is soft and full with a lingering finish of red fruit and subtle spicy leather.

**Vintage Notes** The 2016 vintage provided ideal growing conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Merlot. Sufficient winter rains filled the soil with moisture for budbreak and mild springtime temperatures resulted in a “good set.” Mild weather continued to be a theme though out summer and fall. Average growing conditions produced average yields and normal harvest dates allowing for ideal ripeness.

**Seis Primas** In 1996, Ed Ilsley planted a small block of Malbec near the original 20 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon planted on the family estate in the early 1960’s. Reflecting on how both the vineyards and his family had evolved, Ed thought a blend of the well established Cabernet and the newer Malbec would be a wine worthy of the fourth generation of their wine growing family. Working with the Ilsley Vineyards Winemaker, they proceeded to create a delicious blend, and called it “Seis Primas”. The wine is a blend from the six estate vineyard blocks named for each of the six cousins and celebrates Kimberley, Julia, Alyssa, Analise, Kate and Olivia, the future of the Ilsley Vineyards.

