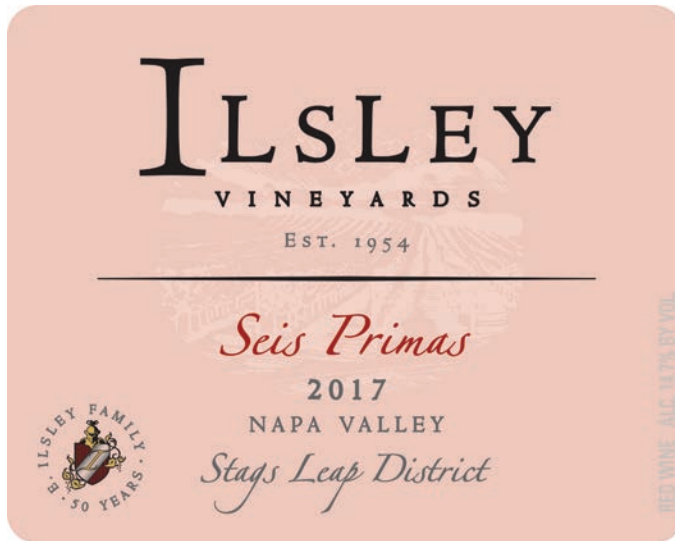


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2017 SEIS PRIMAS



Vintage: 2017

Harvest: September 6 to
October 2, 2017

Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District

Blend: 66% Malbec,
20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot

Winemaker: Heather Pyle

Bottling Date: June 20, 2019

Production: 158 Cases of 750ml

Brix: Average 26.2

pH: 3.85

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L

Alcohol: 14.7%

Tasting Notes Seis Primas is a blend that showcases Malbec, a variety 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. Like the Seis Primas' before it, this Seis Primas is a very dense, dark ruby which belies the softness that follows on the palate. The nose is lead by milk chocolate aromas and ripe raspberry with a touch of vanilla and baking spices. The flavors are structured but soft tannins that fill out the wine without drying the palate. The backbone will give this wine years and years of ageability. The fleshy richness will make you happy even if you taste it before it is truly 'ready' in 8-10 years.

Vintage Notes 2017 will forever be remembered for the October firestorm, but we like to recall how the season began. Abundant winter rainfall and mild spring temperatures during bloom resulted in vigorous early growth and full clusters. Summer was filled with warm days and cool nights until the first heatwave around Labor Day that got everyone excited for harvest. A few more weeks of "hang time" allowed the fruit to reach levels of maturity and complexity we expect and harvest began in late September for Merlot and Malbec, with the Cabernet followed the 1st week of October. Thankfully, all of our wines were safely in tanks fermenting when the fires began..

Seis Primas In 1996, Ed Ilsley planted a small block of Malbec near the original 20 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon planted 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. 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 Ilsley Vineyards.



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