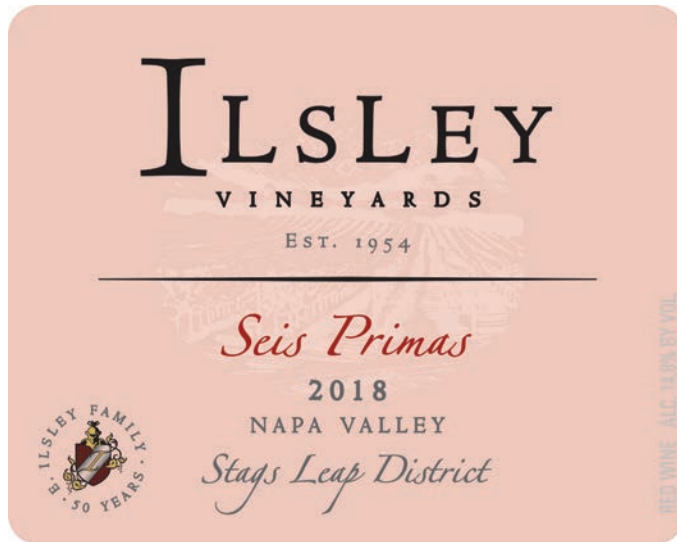


# ILSLEY

VINEYARDS

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## ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2018 SEIS PRIMAS



**Vintage:** 2018

**Harvest:** October 8, 2018

**Appellation:** 100% Stags Leap District

**Blend:** 66% Malbec, 17% Merlot,  
14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

**Winemaker:** Heather Pyle

**Bottling Date:** June 2, 2020

**Production:** 150 Cases of 750ml

**Brix:** Average 26.2

**pH:** 3.73

**Total Acidity:** 6.8 g/L

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Tasting Notes** So ruby that it's almost amethyst, the 2018 Seis Primas is dense, semi opaque, and belies its immense approachability. Ripe French plum and candied rose petals bounce up from the glass, tempered by pink peppercorn and savory champoy. One sip of this Malbec-based beauty brings a plethora of flavors: juicy Morello cherry and blackberry jam; a dish of Poire Belle Helene comprised of ripe Bosc pears brown sugar and vanilla; graham and dusty chocolate powder. Lush and full-bodied up front, this wine has fine-chain tannins and a mid-palate finish, that picks up again lingeringly at the back of the mouth. As with the original seis Primas themselves, this wine is gorgeously fresh-faced, with a graceful ageability that will only add to its beauty.

**Vintage Notes** The year began with welcome winter rains that continued well into spring, resulting in a late bud break. Downpours were quickly followed by idyllic spring weather, with even temperatures, foggy mornings, and sunny daytime skies creating the perfect conditions for a large bloom and fruit set. Continued mild temperatures throughout the summer contributed to extended hang time - more time for the fruit to respire and ripen, developing in both flavor and complexity. A late season burst of heat ensured the white grapes came in right on time. Red grapes came in a few weeks later than normal, with the last grapes picked in late October.

**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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