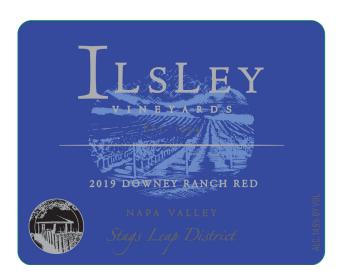


## 2019 DOWNEY RANCH RED PETIT VERDOT



VINTAGE: 2019

HARVEST: October 22, 2019

APPELLATION: 100% Stags Leap District BLEND: 66% Petit Verdot, 33% Merlot

WINEMAKER: Tony Arcudi BOTTLING DATE: June 1, 2021 PRODUCTION: 75 Cases of 750ml

BRIX: Average 24.1

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TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.2 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

## TASTING NOTES:

Downey Ranch Red is made each year as a tribute to our membership, and in 2019 our Petit Verdot displayed such beautiful characteristics, that we felt it truly reflected the way we feel about you all. This wine is a veritable gem – an opaque purple ruby red in color, to be exact. Its nostalgic nose of dried rose petals, fresh lavender, earth and sun-warmed blackberry bushes puts one immediately at ease, creating a sense of home and hearth. The palate is a visit to the old homestead for Sunday dinner, with juicy notes of raspberry, brioche, pepper, jasmine, charcuterie, and black currant jam. The full and structured mouthfeel tapers into a long, refined finish that invites you back again and again. Pair with Beef Wellington, shepherd's pie, or a book in front of the fire.

## VINTAGE NOTES:

Mild spring temperatures combined with abundant soil moisture from winter rains resulted in vigorous early season growth A strong May rainstorm delayed any need for irrigation and allowed clusters to develop uniformly. Summer's warm days and cool nights provided ideal ripening conditions and "normal harvest dates" for early varieties.

## DOWNEY RANCH RED HONORS ALL WHO HAVE COME BEFORE

Our father's favorite color was blue – the blue of the Stags Leap sky in late summer, when fall is just around the corner, and all of Harvest's possibilities lie ahead. Standing at the gazebo, a place that is dear at heart to both our family and our wine club members, we are able to survey the vineyards, watch the weather, and enjoy every bit of that blue, blue sky.

In that spirit, we have created a new label for our Downey Ranch Red, symbolic of our enduring love for all who have come before us, our appreciation of our club members, and our joy in sharing with you a very special representation of our land and the fruit that it bears.

