

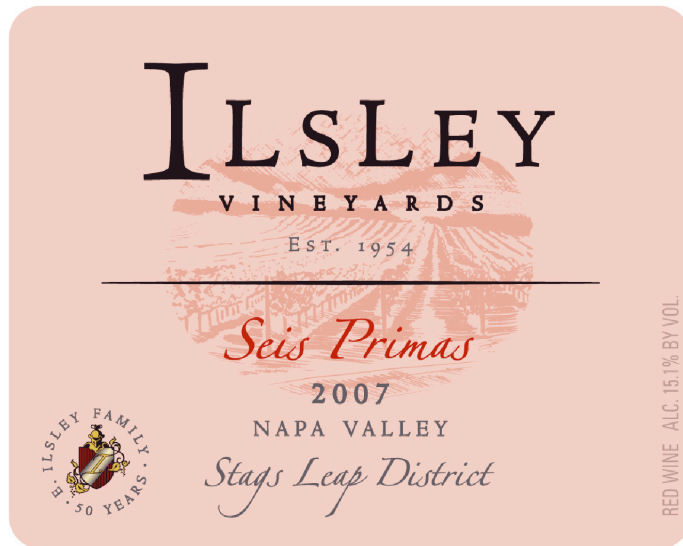
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2007 SEIS PRIMAS



Vintage: 2007

Appellation: Stags Leap District

Blend: 63% Malbec, 23% Petite Verdot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot

Winemaker: Craig MacLean

Production: 245 Cases

Harvest Dates: September 14 to October 4, 2007

Brix: Average 25.7

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Hold on to your wine glass, Seis Primas is growing up! It's still a big complex wine that can be enjoyed now and cellared for many, many years. As our Malbec block matures, the percentage within the blend has increased, making a very intriguing, big, full bodied and elegant wine. David, Ernie and our winemaker hit the mark by selecting only the best fruit for this lovely wine.

Tasting Notes

This perfect vintage has produced a wine filled with aromas of orange blossoms, red cherry, cranberry, white pepper, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Flavors of barrel spices, red fruit, and flowers explode on the pallet tantalizing all of the taste buds with lively textures of silky tannin, acidity and structure. This is the biggest Seis Primas yet and, as always, a perfect blend.

Vintage Notes

2007 was a vintage marked by a dry winter, followed by a growing season that was fairly cool and mild. Unsettled weather during bloom caused a bit of shatter leaving a lighter crop than normal. Berry size was small leading to tremendous juice concentration. Late August heat got harvest rolling then mild weather through October, giving ideal ripening conditions within our vineyards.

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. He believed that this varietal would be well suited to the Stags Leap property. 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. Ernie, David and Janice liked their father's idea and they moved forward with it. Working with the Ilsley Vineyards wine maker, 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.

We are proud of our vineyards and the fruit that they bear.



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