

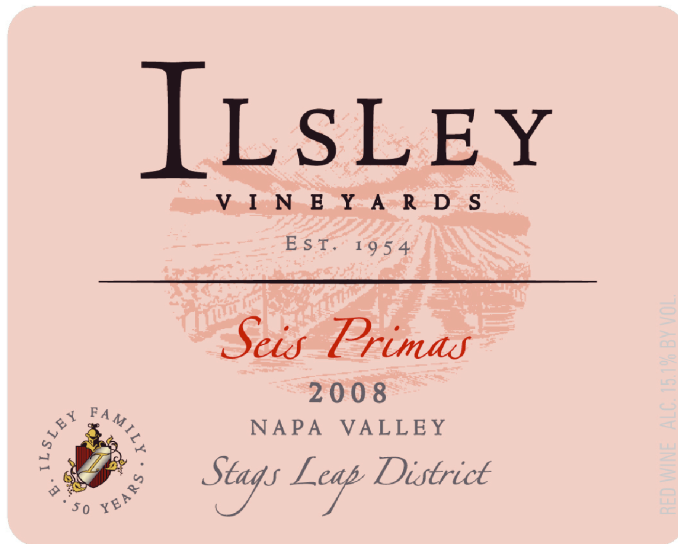
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2008 SEIS PRIMAS



Vintage: 2008
Appellation: Stags Leap District
Blend: 43% Malbec,
26% Cabernet Sauvignon,
22% Merlot, 9% Petite Verdot,
Winemaker: Craig MacLean
Production: 140 Cases
Harvest Dates: September 14 to
October 15, 2008
Brix: Average 25.3
ph: 3.75

The 5th Seis Primas release is a blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with a touch of Petite Verdot. Aged in 50% new oak for 20 months this wine delivers complexity, balance and lots of fruit. The Malbec, which is a cornerstone of this blend, is complemented by the more structured Cabernet Sauvignon and exotically perfumed Merlot. The Petite Verdot completes the wine with added structure and red fruit aromas. The result is a remarkable red wine that pairs easily with red meats, full flavored cheeses and a wide range of sauces.

Tasting Notes The 2008 Seis Primas is a very deep ruby with violet overtones. The aroma is a complex mixture of black cherry, cassis, clove, allspice, cocoa and vanilla bean. The flavors are bright with intense berry and spices on the entry, followed by a rich mouth-feel and a long, warm finish. The tannins are firm and well developed to give the wine structure and richness. The fruit lingers on the palate for a very long time.

Vintage Notes 2008 began with another dry winter of below average rainfall followed by cold spring temperatures and many nights of frost protection. Fortunately, our old wind machines did their job of protecting the new shoots and we had very little damage. For summer, the weather settled into the typical swings between periods with foggy mornings and heat spikes. The vines grew beautifully, canopies were smaller but so was the crop, creating great balance that allowed the fruit to fully mature.

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 winemaker, 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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