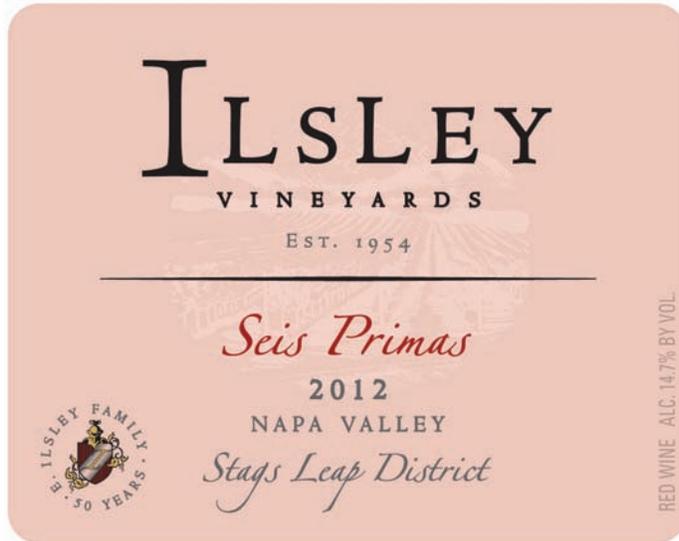


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ILSLEY VINEYARDS TASTING NOTES 2012 SEIS PRIMAS



Vintage: 2012
Harvest Dates: September 28 to October 10
Appellation: 100% Stags Leap District
Blend: 62% Malbec, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot
Winemaker: Heather Pyle
Bottling Date: July 23, 2014
Production: 117 Cases
Brix: Average 26.5
pH: 3.72
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L
Alcohol: 14.7%

The 2012 growing season and resulting wines are being touted as the best in recent years after uneven 2010's and 2011's in the Napa Valley. We'll go with the crowd on this one since the 2012 Ilsley wines are textbook Stag's Leap but at the same time we are very proud of our 2011's in particular so moving to the 2012 release does not cause us a sigh of relief so much as pure excitement for the new vintage.

Tasting Notes The 2012 Ilsley Vineyards Seis Primas is a very dark ruby hue much like a red rose bud; The aromas jump from the glass with ripe Bing cherry and Santa Rosa plum that is layered with vanilla, black licorice and a hint of clove. The nose is notably fruit forward and bright. On the palate the wine shows raspberry and spice flavors with a smooth texture whose warmth lingers for a very long time.

Vintage Notes Following the challenges of the 2011 vintage, 2012 was a welcome change. Nearly ideal growing conditions from bud break to harvest with typical Napa Valley weather, warm days and cool foggy nights. Mild May temperatures during flowering gave us an even fruit set and the long summer days with just enough heat, but not too much, allowed for a long growing season. The result was fully mature Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that we harvested in late September and early October.

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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