



## 2018 PANZA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Stags Leap District



### THE VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was relatively dry. Bud break was a little late compared to prior years and shoot growth was fairly moderate in the first phase. Late rains during the month of April and some in May helped the vines maintain steady growth with minimal to no irrigation needed up to veraison. Accompanied by moderately warm weather, flowering was excellent, leading to a healthy fruit set. Post-veraison we saw a trend of bigger and heavier clusters than average which supported our expectations of heavy vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright raspberry and strawberry permeate the glass followed by notes of leather and Earl Grey tea with a touch of cocoa and hints of vanilla. This wine is soft on the front palate with a velvety mid-palate and sweet fruit finish.

### TECHNICAL

**Wine Makers:** Robert Smith & Philippe Melka

**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%

**pH:** 3.60

**TA:** 6.0 g/L

**HARVEST DATES:** October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**BOTTLING DATE:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**BLEND:** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec & 5% Cabernet Franc