



## 2018 PANZA PETITE SIRAH

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 a heavy vintage.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blackberry slowly give way to a nice minerality with hints of wet stone. A soft approach on the front palate eases into fine grained tannins, leading to a lengthy finish loaded with black fruits and a beautiful, dense mouth coating texture.

### TECHNICAL

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

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**pH:** 3.62

**TA:** 6.2g/L

**Harvest Dates:** October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Bottling Date:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Blend:** 100% Petite Sirah