



## 2018 PANZA RED WINE

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

The Panza Red Wine is a “quixotic” blend of Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. This quarrelsome quintet comes together melodically to produce a wine with aromatic notes of blueberry, blackberry bramble and roasted meats. Soft on the approach, the mouthfeel reaches its crescendo of well-rounded, medium-grained tannins finally giving way to a lengthy berry compote finish.

### TECHNICAL

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

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**pH:** 3.63

**TA:** 6.3g/L

**Harvest Dates:** September 29<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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

**Blend:** 78% Petite Sirah, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc & 2% Petit Verdot

