



2018 QUIXOTE 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 was supporting our expectations of heavy vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Notes of black tea, black and blue fruits with a whisper of tobacco. Tannins are soft up front but build quickly revealing a dense, massive structure. The dark inky appearance makes this wine a showstopper that can age 20+ years.

TECHNICAL

WINEMAKERS: Robert Smith & Philippe Melka

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

pH: 3.51

TA: 6.2g/L

HARVEST DATE: October 12th, 2018

BOTTLING DATE: August 11th, 2020

BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah

AGING: Aged in 50% new French oak for 20 months