



2019 PANZA RED WINE

Stags Leap District



THE VINTAGE

Ample winter rains provided welcome soil saturation for the growing season and canopy development. Spring was a bit cooler and rainier than in the last couple of years, resulting in bud break and flowering being delayed a few weeks compared to 2018. The long, warm summer saw very few extreme heat events, with foggy mornings setting the stage for vibrant and expressive wines. The long, relatively mild finish to the season helped to preserve freshness and finesse in the fruit with abundant hang time teasing out great color, structure and soft tannins. All in all, exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture promises an amazing vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The Panza Red Wine is 100% Petite Sirah from fruit grown on our estate in the Stags Leap District. This intrepid red wine produces aromatic notes of blackberry pie, blueberry, raspberry and wet stone. Well balanced with good acidity, this wine has nice, soft tannins, giving way to lengthy flavors of deep, dark black fruits.

TECHNICAL

WINEMAKERS: Robert Smith & Philippe Melka

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

pH: 3.54

TA: 6.2g/L

HARVEST DATES: September 26th and October 16th

BOTTLING DATE: February 26th, 2021

BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah

AGING: Aged in 30% new French oak for 14 months