



2019 QUIXOTE PETITE SIRAH

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

Notes of rhubarb, black tea, dark fruits, violets and orange blossom with a whisper of cacao and coffee. Tannins are integrated 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: 14.6%

pH: 3.63

TA: 5.9 g/L

HARVEST DATE: October 1-2, 16, 2019

BOTTLING DATE: March 17, 2022

BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah

AGING: Aged in 50% new French oak for 30 months