

CLUB CRUSH CABERNET *December Shipment (#6 - 2021)*

QUIXOTE WINERY 2018 'PANZA' CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAG'S LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

Bright raspberry and strawberry permeate the glass followed by notes of leather and Earl Grey tea with a touch of cocoa and hints of vanilla. This wine is soft on the front palate with a velvety midpalate and sweet fruit finish.

WINERY INFO:

Quixote is a boutique gem in the Stags Leap District, producing just 2,000 cases annually. Our small production of Cabernet Sauvignon is only found at our winery and our Petite Sirah can be found at some of the Napa Valley's top restaurants and hotels.

The legacy of Quixote and its sought-after wines are above all, how our Winemaking chief Philippe Melka and Estate Winemaker B.R. Smith looks to stay true to the vineyard and let the wines express the true meaning of our Stags Leap Appellation terroir. Our unique vineyard has four distinct soil types and both east and west facing slopes giving us wines of great balance and complexity.

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. Panza is the second label from Quixote Winery; it's made from the organic fruit from the Estate, but unlike Quixote wines, it's available outside of the winery.

WINE STATS:

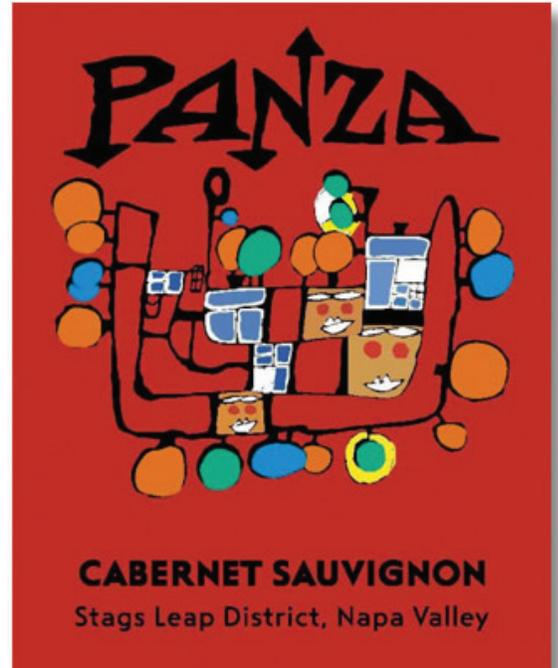
Blend: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec & 5% Cabernet Franc

pH: 3.60 **TA:** 6.0 g/L

Harvest Dates: October 31st and November 1st, 2018

Bottling Date: February 26th, 2020

Alcohol 14.7%



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Regular Price. . . . \$64.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$58.49

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ILARIA 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES:

Deep garnet-purple colored, it skips out of the glass with lively notes of wild blueberries, black cherries and menthol, plus hints of pencil shavings and bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, it has a serious structure with flirtatious, flamboyant fruit, offering plenty of layers and an earthy finish.

WINERY INFO:

“In vino felicitas. In wine there is happiness. There is also truth, as we have been reminded, and one of the truths in my life is to make wine. My goal is to craft unique lots that are not shy about expressing their heritage – the soil and climate in which they were grown, where that combination of great terroir and viticultural expertise merge.” - Anna Monticelli

Anna Monticelli journey began at the University of California Davis, where she earned a degree in Viticulture and Enology. She spent her fourth year studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. After completing her degree in California, she returned to France to work the 2000 vintage at Château Cheval-Blanc. She was very fortunate to work for their technical director, Kees Van Leeuwen, one of the foremost viticultural professors in Bordeaux.

Anna then moved to the Napa Valley and spent two years as the assistant winemaker at Seavey Vineyard before working for five years as the assistant winemaker at Bryant Family Vineyard under the tutelage of philippe melka. In 2007, Anna became the winemaker at Piña Napa Valley, where she crafts single-vineyard designate Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon wines and where she makes her Iliaria wines.

Anna also makes the Stack House and Tether wines in Napa Valley. She and her husband, winemaker Mario Monticelli, have Italian winemaking projects in the regions of Piedmont, Tuscany, Abruzzo. and Friuli-Venezia Giulia. They travel to Italy with their three children to work on their wines there..

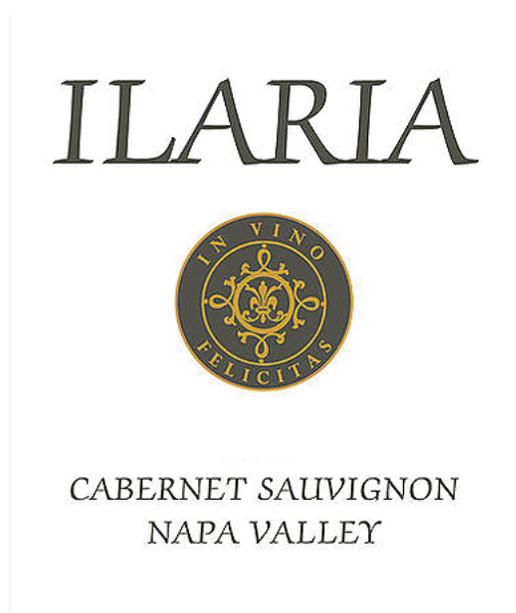
WINE STATS:

Blend: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

Barrel Aging: 22 months in barrel

Alcohol 15.0%

Production:



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Regular Price. . . \$69.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . \$62.99