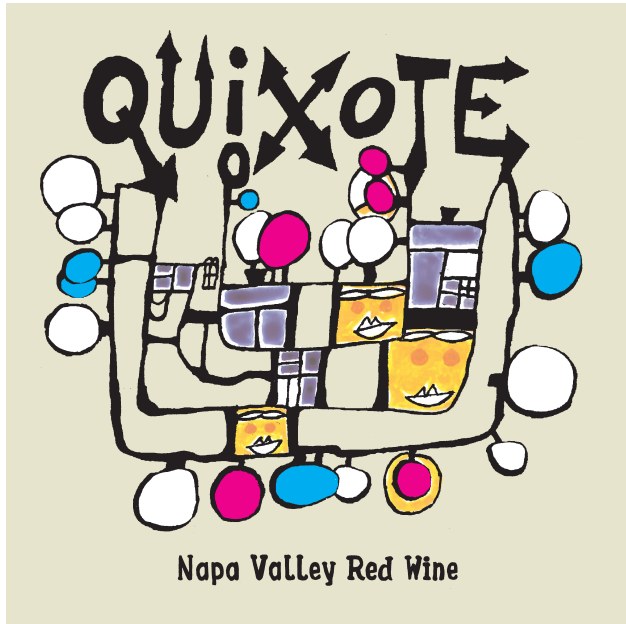


2002 Quixote Petite Syrah



Region: Napa Valley

Vineyard: Stags' Leap Ranch

Age of Vines: 8 Years

Geographic Location: Stags' Leap Ranch

Exposure: South by Southeast

Soil: Shallow loam over clay hardpan

Subterranean: Ancient terraces

Production: 540 cases

Tasting Notes

A rich, complex wine, our 2002 Quixote Petite Syrah is drinking very well now and will evolve beautifully over the next decade. Smoky aromas mingle with an intense plum-prune character and the dark fruit essence of blackberry and currant. We've noted some interesting floral components and a big mouth feel with bittersweet chocolate (Scharffen Berger) and layers of dark, sweet ripe fruit flavor. This luscious "petite" has well integrated spicy oak and a long finish with silky tannins and good acid structure.