

# PINE RIDGE

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## VINEYARDS

### 2011 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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OUR STEEP, DENSELY-PLANTED STAGS LEAP DISTRICT ESTATE HAS BEEN THE HEART OF THE WINERY SINCE PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS WAS FOUNDED HERE IN A FARMHOUSE IN 1978. THIS WINE IS A PURE AND EXQUISITE EXPRESSION OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS STAGS LEAP DISTRICT AVA.



**VINEYARDS** The Stags Leap District's moderate temperature, influenced by the San Pablo Bay, leads to slow, even fruit development throughout the growing season. The majority of our 47 acres across four estate vineyards in this region are densely planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals on steeply-terraced hillsides with Bale clay-loam soils, producing very low yields of intensely flavored grapes.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING** The mild 2011 vintage allowed for a long hang time, resulting in evenly ripe, complex flavors in the berries. The fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness late September to October. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 60% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 18 months before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** Exhibiting an expansive bouquet of harmonious aromas, this ruby wine bursts from the glass with notes of sweet red cherry and ripe blackcurrant intertwined with touches of sweet vanilla, creamy mocha and spicy gingerbread. The wine enters elegantly and fills the palate with intense flavors of dark cherry, blackberry preserves and cassis, backed by silken tannins and hints of espresso bean, brown butter and cinnamon toast that linger on the lengthy, supple finish.

**PAIRING** Graceful and sumptuous, our Stags Leap District Cabernet would pair gorgeously with a hearty, substantial dish like grilled leg of lamb marinated in garlic confit, or even a wild mushroom risotto. This wine would also partner beautifully with a hard, aged Gouda such as Saenkanter for a splendid cheese course.

VARIETAL:	95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 3% PETIT VERDOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC
RELEASE DATE:	MAY 1, 2014
AGING POTENTIAL:	7 TO 12 YEARS
APPELLATION:	STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$100
ALCOHOL:	14.3%