

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2018 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS SYNONYMOUS WITH NAPA VALLEY AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE CORE OF OUR WINEMAKING PROGRAM AT PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS. OUR NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS A COMBINATION OF ESTATE FRUIT FROM STAGS LEAP, OAKVILLE AND RUTHERFORD AND GRAPES FROM SELECT NAPA VALLEY GROWERS WITH A FOCUS ON SOURCING AROUND OUR HOME IN STAGS LEAP.



VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season started with a cool spring with significantly higher than average frost hours (a measurement of hours below 36 F), which led to a late bud break. The growing season was also unique in terms of GDD (growing degree days), with 14% fewer on average than 2017. The cooler mild conditions and lack of extreme heat spikes combined to create an extended growing season and measured pace to harvest which resulted a high-quality, elegant crop with brighter acids and notes of cranberry, pomegranate and tart cherry.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Since our founding in 1978, Pine Ridge Vineyards has invested in 160 acres of estate vineyards, 47 of which are in our home appellation, Stags Leap District. The fruit for this vintage was chosen from our premier sites set throughout the Napa Valley including our estates in Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford.

The fruit for our 2018 vintage was harvested from September 15th to October 15th. The grapes were hand-picked at night, carefully sorted in the vineyard, then brought to the cellar and de-stemmed. This meticulous care taken in the vineyard by Vineyard Manager Gustavo Alvina and his crew delivered bright, ripe fruit, with substantial mouthfeel and complexity. Following a cold soak, a high-temperature fermentation occurred to ensure maximum flavor and color extraction. The wine was racked to 30-percent new American oak barrels and aged for 18 months prior to bottling. 70% was aged in neutral French Oak to maintain the freshness and elegance of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The wine leads with pencil shavings and cola aromas. On the palate, cherry, sweet vanilla cream and strawberry share the bill, alongside dusty tannins and a lasting finish that reminds of toasted nuts. This wine is enticing now and will drink well for at least 5 years.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS

95% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

ALCOHOL

15.2%

pH

3.63

TA

6.4 g/L

KEY FACTS

- Sourced our premier sites set throughout the Napa Valley including our estates in Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford
- A growing wine, volume up 23.7%, 52 wk year over year in IRI (3/21/21)
- Certified Sustainable in the Vineyards and Cellar practices

