

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2013 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 2013 was an ideal season in Napa Valley, with dry conditions and a long, sunny summer, allowing even ripening and yielding exquisite, balanced fruit. The fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness in early October. The berries were hand-harvested at night, carefully sorted and destemmed to tank, where fermentation took place. Then, the wine was racked to 100% new French oak barrels, where it was aged for 26 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES Powerful and complex, this deep garnet wine offers alluring aromas of ripe black cherry, red raspberry and rich dark plum that mingle with layers of cocoa powder, cassis and black licorice. The entry is lush and silky, filling the mouth with bright flavors of strawberry preserves and red currant that lead into touches of creamy vanilla toast, dried sage leaf and maple-brown sugar on the impeccably structured finish, supported by smooth, velvety tannins.

PAIRING A classic, meaty dish, such as a roasted lamb loin with grilled vegetables and Romesco sauce, makes a fine partner for this multilayered, powerful bottling. This beautiful wine is equally enjoyable after dinner alongside dark chocolate truffles or a dry, aged cheese such as the Montgomery Cheddar, an English raw cow's milk cheese.

VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RELEASE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 2016
AGING POTENTIAL:	7 TO 12 YEARS
APPELLATION:	STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY
ALCOHOL:	14.9%