

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2020 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

Here in the valley, it was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until the end of March. The mild spring season gave us a great early start, while the summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. All of these factors provided us with a nice, early season harvest date range that lasted from September 9th through 14th, 2020.

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 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 our Vineyard Manager Gustavo Avina 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 10% new French oak and 20% 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 & PAIRING NOTES

Upon first inspection, this garnet hued beauty reveals aromatics of red raspberry and cherry cola, but after diving back into the glass one will start to notice beautiful wafts of molasses ginger cookies and gingerbread, reminiscent of trips to grandma's house as a kid. Notes of cherry jam and a vibrant acidity make your mouth water as notes of caramel, vanilla and pumpkin pie spice give a rich warmth and depth to the palate. On the finish, hints of coffee and strawberry jam lightly recede into the distance. A juicy turkey burger topped with Gorgonzola Dolce would be a fitting accompaniment to this wine.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	TA	pH
98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Malbec	15.5%	5.9 gm/100ml	3.72

KEY BRAND FACTS

- Sourced our premier sites set throughout the Napa Valley including our estates in Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford
- Napa Valley pioneer with over 40 years' experience
- Certified Sustainable in the Vineyards and Cellar practices

