



PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2018 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.

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Our 2018 Stags Leaps District Cabernet Sauvignon is a selection of grapes from all four of our estate vineyards, which total 47 vine-acres. This wine beautifully exhibits the complex terroir character and exquisite balance achieved by blending grapes grown in these vineyards' different soils, ranging from gravely loam to volcanic rhyolitic tuff. Pine Ridge Vineyards, founded in 1978, was instrumental in establishing Stags Leap District as a distinct viticultural area within Napa Valley. This American Viticultural Area was the first to be defined by the unique diversity of its soil.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested at night—when temperatures often dip to 50°F—to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression in the wine. We first cold-soaked the must (crushed grapes) for gentle extraction and then fermented the must in both stainless steel and Italian-made concrete fermenters at 92°F. Rigorous pump-overs, increasing during the peak of the fermentation, developed deep color, rich varietal character and fine tannins in the wine. To achieve a fresh style with lighter, supple tannins, our cellar team pressed this wine slightly earlier than for our other Cabernet Sauvignons. The wine was aged in new French oak barrels to meld the bright fruit expression with oak spice nuances. After three months of aging, we blended the vineyard components then allow them to marry during the remainder of the 26 months of barrel-aging. To retain the wine's full flavor complexity, the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES

The wine's color is deep purple, bringing to mind "Smoke on the Water", presenting a dark, concentrated rendition of this mainstay. Redolent with blue and black fruits, the aromatics are metered by notes of cinnamon, white pepper and cola. With a bright vibrancy and juicy notes of chocolate covered blueberry, melded with Earl Grey tea and bay leaf on the palate. The velvety smoothness of the tannin structure brings a refined element to the wine's finish.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	pH	ALCOHOL
100% Cabernet Sauvignon	3.54	15.2%
	TA	
	6.3 gm/100ml	

KEY BRAND FACTS

- From Stags Leap District—the smallest, yet most notable Napa Valley AVA
- Cultivated from 47 acres across four estate vineyards, densely planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varieties on steeply terraced hillsides with Bale clay-loam soils, resulting in very low yields of intensely flavored grapes.
- Cave-aged for 26 months in 100% French Oak Barrels

