

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS



2008 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon

THE OAKVILLE APPELLATION SPANS THE NAPA VALLEY FROM THE VACA MOUNTAINS IN THE EAST TO THE MAYACAMAS IN THE WEST. ITS GRAVEL AND CLAY SOILS, AS THOSE FOUND ON OUR 25-ACRE ESTATE VINEYARD, YIELD CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINES OF EXCEPTIONAL BALANCE AND STRUCTURE.

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The fruit for this wine is grown at our Dos Olivos Vineyard in the Oakville AVA. The well-drained soil and moderate temperature of this valley floor vineyard in conjunction with our attentive farming practices create ideal conditions for the production of deeply fruited and well-extracted Cabernet Sauvignons.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING

The 2008 vintage was extremely variable, opening with an intense frost that resulted in limited fruit set, then proceeding to be one of the driest seasons on record which reduced berry weight further. A long, cool summer allowed flavors to develop fully before a heat wave encouraged prompt picking. The small, flavorful clusters were night-harvested mid September through October and underwent our rigorous sorting process prior to being destemmed into tank. The wine aged for 17 months in 40% new French oak barrels before bottling in May 2010.

TASTING NOTES

Bold and garnet-black in color, this wine boasts a bountiful nose of baked black plum, dark currant and blackberry pie, supported by whispers of espresso bean, dried violets and tar. Ripe Bing cherry and boysenberry lead on the palate, while deep flavors of cinnamon toast, molasses and maple follow. Long and lingering, the mineral finish swirls with robust yet creamy tannins and subtle touches of Earl Grey tea and vanilla bean.

PAIRING

A wine as complex and beautiful as this would be best showcased alongside a hearty yet simple preparation. Grilled marinated hangar steak with roasted shallots or roast lamb shoulder with Provencal vegetables would be excellent choices to partner with this wine, as would a dry, mature cheese like Asiago d'Avello.

VARIETAL: 95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 4% PETIT VERDOT, 1% MERLOT
APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY
ALCOHOL: 14.7%

RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2011
AGING POTENTIAL: 12 TO 15 YEARS
SRP: \$75