

PINE RIDGE
VINEYARDS



2009 Cave 7 Cabernet Sauvignon

DEEP WITHIN THE HILLSIDE ON THE PINE RIDGE ESTATE LIES NEARLY A MILE OF CAVES IN WHICH WE STORE OUR TREASURED WINES. TUCKED AWAY FARTHEST INTO THE MOUNTAINSIDE IS CAVE 7, THE MOST SECLUDED WING OF THE SYSTEM. WE PRESENT TO YOU A CABERNET SAUVIGNON THAT EXPRESSES DEPTH, RICHNESS AND COMPLEXITY WORTHY OF ITS NAMESAKE.

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The fruit for our 2009 Cave 7 Cabernet Sauvignon was specially chosen from a collection of our favorite vineyards across our 200 acres of estate property. The majority of this vintage's grapes were sourced from our select blocks in Rutherford as well as the winery's home Stags Leap District vineyard.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING

With steadily mild temperatures throughout the growing season, the 2009 vintage progressed very smoothly and the clusters ripened evenly. The fruit for this wine was harvested mid-September through late October and was thoroughly sorted. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 30% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 19 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Bold and luscious, this well-crafted Cabernet presents a dark garnet hue in the glass and an ample bouquet filled with notes of ripe black plum and marionberry, balanced by hints of dark mocha, dried rose petals and allspice. The wine is smooth and rounded on the palate and enters with a rush of plum preserves and ripe blueberry fruits, then follows with cherry cola, baker's cocoa and fresh ground cinnamon flavors that endure through the velvety finish.

PAIRING

Big and complex, yet graceful, this wine would partner perfectly with a hearty, savory meal such as braised wild boar over creamy polenta. Pecorino, a hard Italian cheese made from ewe's milk, would make a lovely cheese course when paired with this extraordinary bottling.

VARIETAL: 92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 6% MERLOT,
1% CABERNET FRANC, 1% PETIT VERDOT
APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY
ALCOHOL: 13.9%

RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012
AGING POTENTIAL: 7 YEARS
SRP: \$65