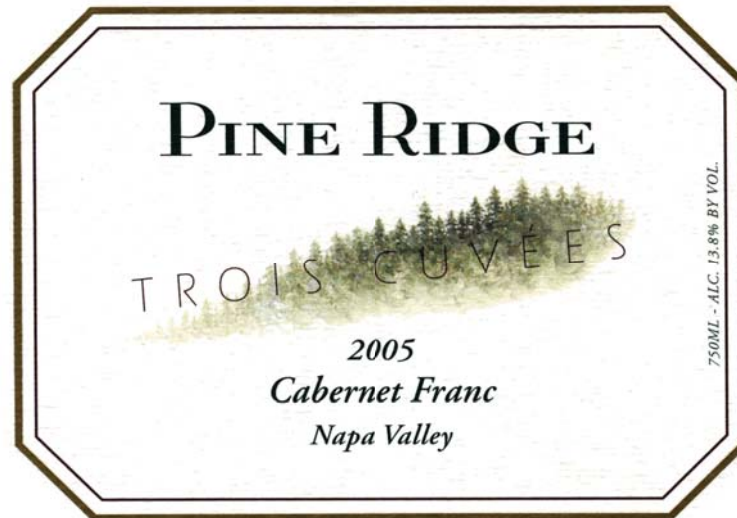


PINE RIDGE



2005 CABERNET FRANC *Napa Valley Trois Cuvées*

ORIGIN: From three plantings of Cabernet Franc clones in our estate vineyards situated in the Stags Leap District, Oakville and Rutherford appellations, we showcase the Cabernet Franc varietal in this subtle and complex blend.

VINEYARD: Since the early 1990s, we have conducted extensive clonal studies in various appellations for Cabernet Franc. Our vines are vertically trained and densely planted. The stress of this dense planting in well-drained areas results in smaller berries and more fruit intensity.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was hand harvested over the third week of October, cluster sorted, berry sorted and cold soaked prior to fermentation. The wine macerated on skins for 23 days and was then transferred to new and one vintage old French oak barrels. This wine was aged for 16 months and was bottled without fining.

TASTING NOTES: The 2005 Cabernet Franc has a subtle but complex nose overflowing with aromas of cherry, sweet vanilla, orange peel and tobacco accented by menthol, dried flowers, and peppercorn. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, this wine presents sweet baked cherry, caramel and herbal flavors, framed by firm, chewy tannins that support an extended finish of ripe fruit, cocoa and tobacco. This wine may be enjoyed now or cellared for 3-6 years.