

# PINE RIDGE

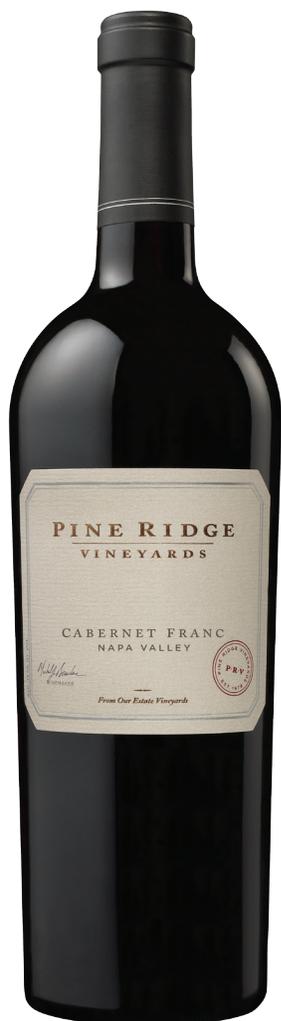
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## VINEYARDS

## 2013 CABERNET FRANC

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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.



**VINEYARDS** The majority of the fruit for this wine was sourced from our vineyards in Stags Leap District, with a smaller amount from our Oakville and Rutherford blocks. These 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.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING** 2013 was an ideal season in Napa Valley, with dry conditions and a long, sunny summer, allowing even ripening and yielding exquisite, balanced fruit. The fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness in late September. The berries were hand-harvested at night, carefully sorted and destemmed to tank, where fermentation took place. Then, the wine was racked to 35% new French and American oak barrels, where it was aged for 18 months prior to bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** Deep garnet in color, our 2013 Cabernet Franc presents a delightful nose filled with aromas of cinnamon, clove, baking spices and mint, wrapped in layers of toasted oak, mocha, espresso, sage, wild cherry and plum. Our Cabernet Franc possesses a bold, noteworthy palate, filling the mouth with fresh blackberry, raspberry and hints of caramel. You'll discover a wonderful mid-palate weight, and the well-integrated tannins will give you something to chew on.

**PAIRING** With ample flavors of its own, the 2013 Cabernet Franc would prove a wonderful companion to a sweet yet savory meal like grilled lamb shanks with mint sauce or grilled salmon with a teriyaki glaze. This wine would also make an exquisite cheese course when paired with Kaltbach Le Gruyère, an aged Swiss cheese attentively made from silo-free raw cow's milk in the Gruyère region of Switzerland.

VARIETAL:	85% CABERNET FRANC, 12% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2% PETIT VERDOT, 1% MERLOT
RELEASE DATE:	OCTOBER 1, 2015
AGING POTENTIAL:	5 TO 10 YEARS
APPELLATION:	NAPA VALLEY
ALCOHOL:	14.9%