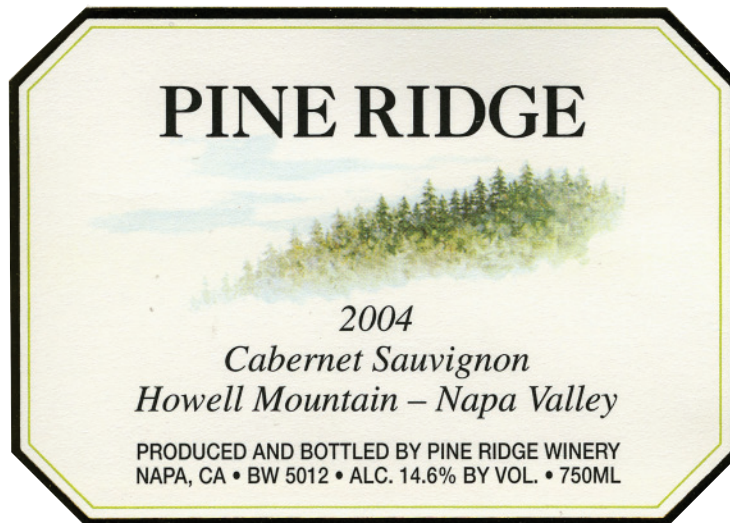


PINE RIDGE



2004 HOWELL MOUNTAIN **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

ORIGIN: The robust yet graceful 2004 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 2% Merlot and 2% Tannat. The firm tannins and concentration of hillside grown fruit are trademarks of this complex, intense and elegantly balanced wine.

VINEYARD: The low yielding vineyard is located on a steep hillside at the 2,000 ft. elevation on Howell Mountain, a small, unique appellation in northeastern Napa Valley. The climate contributes to a long hang time, resulting in optimal ripeness and tannin maturity.

WINEMAKING: This vintage we continued to hand-sort both clusters and individual berries prior to light crushing. The fruit was harvested by hand on September 30th, October 1st and October 12th, 2004, and macerated on the skins for 31-32 days. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in the barrel and was aged for 17 months in new, heavily-toasted French oak barrels. The wine was bottled without fining in June of 2006.

TASTING NOTES: Seductive aromas of black currant, blackberry and dark molasses emerge on the nose, with spice and toasty oak enhancing complexity. Medium-full in body, the mid-palate is marked by flavors of blackberry, cherry, tea and spice, with firm but supple tannins taking hold. The finish is long and dramatic, revealing tight, chewy tannins and intense tobacco, blackberry and cherry flavors making a final statement. This wine may be enjoyed now or cellared for 15 years or more.

A limited quantity of only 1,170 cases were produced in addition to 1.5 and 3L formats.