

# PINE RIDGE

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## VINEYARDS

### 2009 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1978, WE HAVE PROUDLY PRODUCED APPELLATION CABERNETS THAT SHOWCASE THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THOSE REGIONS AND OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS WITHIN THEM. IT WAS ONLY ELEVEN YEARS AGO THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ADD THE HOWELL MOUNTAIN AVA TO THE LIST OF OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS BUT THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN WORTH THE WAIT.



**VINEYARDS** Our nine-acre Las Posadas vineyard features an elevation of 2,000 feet above sea level and south-east facing plantings. The rocky, well-drained volcanic soils force the vines to dig deep for water and nutrients, producing smaller, intensely-flavored berries as a result. Despite strong afternoon sun, the climate tends to be cooler because of altitude and maintains acidity throughout ripening.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING** With steadily mild temperatures throughout the growing season, the 2009 vintage progressed very smoothly and the clusters ripened evenly. The berries were harvested mid-October and underwent our rigorous sorting process before crush. After fermentation was completed, the wine was transferred to 50% new French oak barrels to age for 18 months prior to bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** The fusion of beauty and power are realized in the glass as this intense ruby-black wine entertains the nose with an abundance of dark cherry, black plum and ripe blackberry aromas beneath nuances of dried rose petal and cracked white pepper. Further deep fruit notes of stewed Bing cherry, black raspberry and blackcurrant flood the palate, framed by undertones of black olive and fine cocoa. Muscular tannins characterize the long, toasty espresso finish.

**PAIRING** Rounded and bold, this bottling will show gorgeously alongside an equally hearty offering, such as braised wild boar with truffled polenta and roasted seasonal vegetables. For an unforgettably delicious cheese course, try this vintage with a dry, salty cheese like a 5-year aged Gouda.

VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RELEASE DATE:	JULY 1, 2012
AGING POTENTIAL:	12-15 YEARS
APPELLATION:	HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$90
ALCOHOL:	14.5%