

# PINE RIDGE

## VINEYARDS



### 2010 HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 & WINEMAKING

The 2010 vintage was cooler than usual during the growing season, but ended with a heat wave. As a result, the fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness late October. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 50% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 18 months before bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

This ruggedly intense ruby-black wine exhibits a bold and potent bouquet that is redolent of ripe black plum, red cherry syrup and fresh cassis beneath a curtain of sweet pea, cracked white pepper and bay leaf. The palate is abundant and rounded, swelling with the rich flavors of briary blackberry and luscious raspberry, enhanced by structured tannins and touches of rich toffee, vanilla bean, cinnamon stick and subtle spearmint that carry through the lingering finish.

#### PAIRING

Hearty and bold, this voluptuous Cabernet Sauvignon would make an apt partner for a hearty yet uncomplicated dish, such as filet mignon with parmesan potato gratin. Additionally, this wine coupled with Tomme de Fedou, a nutty, aged ewe's milk cheese from France would make a fine cheese course.

**VARIETAL:** 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
**APPELLATION:** HOWELL MOUNTAIN,  
NAPA VALLEY  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%

**RELEASE DATE:** MAY 1, 2013  
**AGING POTENTIAL:** 12-15 YEARS  
**SRP:** \$90