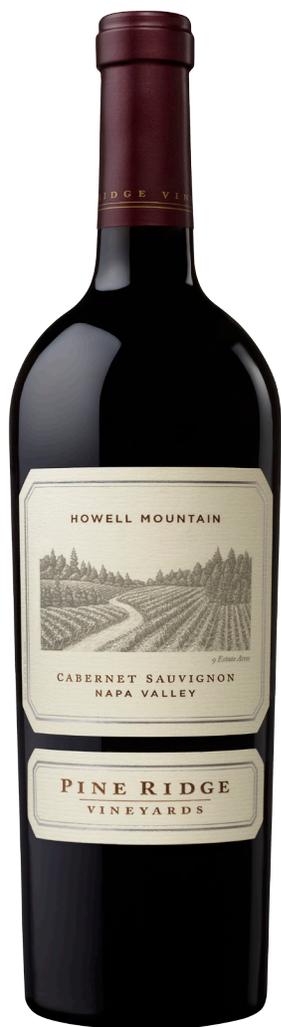


PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2011 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 THIRTEEN 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 The mild 2011 vintage allowed for a long hang time, resulting in evenly ripe, complex flavors in the berries. The fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness in late October. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 60% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 18 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES Ruggedly intense, yet elegantly balanced, this ruby-black wine boasts a complex and impressive bouquet that bursts with deep black cherry and blackcurrant syrup aromas, draped with touches of sweet vanilla toast, ripe black olive, bresaola and subtle mint leaf. The well-rounded palate is supported by robust tannins and teems with blackberry tart and red plum flavors, fading gracefully into hints of creamy milk chocolate, red licorice and graham cracker that linger through the dense, unrelenting finish.

PAIRING With its lively, substantial structure, this Cabernet Sauvignon would shine brightest alongside a simple but ample meal, such as a dry-aged porterhouse steak with roasted seasonal vegetables and fingerling potatoes. For a stellar cheese pairing, try this wine alongside an aged Manchego.

VARIETAL:	95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 5% PETIT VERDOT
RELEASE DATE:	FEBRUARY 1, 2014
AGING POTENTIAL:	12 TO 15 YEARS
APPELLATION:	HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$90
ALCOHOL:	14.3%