

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2013 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 FOURTEEN 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 sits at an elevation of 2,000 feet above sea level and features 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. Despite strong afternoon sun, the climate tends to be cooler because of the high altitude and maintains acidity throughout ripening.

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 early October. The berries were hand-harvested at night, carefully sorted and destemmed to tank, where fermentation took place. Then, the wine was racked to 90% new French oak barrels, where it was aged for 26 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES This powerful ruby-black wine exhibits an intense bouquet of ripe black plum, red cherry syrup and cassis fruit swirled amongst hints of black pepper, clove and fresh spearmint. The velvety palate enters with bold, ripe black cherry, red raspberry and dark plum fruit supported by smooth tannins and notes of brown sugar and baking chocolate, with bright minerality and lingering dried plum on the unwavering finish.

PAIRING This voluptuous Cabernet Sauvignon would make an apt partner for a hearty yet uncomplicated dish, such as pepper-crusted filet mignon with roasted red potatoes. Additionally, try pairing this wine with Tomme de Savoie, a nutty, semi-soft cow's milk cheese from France, for a memorable cheese course.

VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RELEASE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 2016
AGING POTENTIAL:	12 TO 15 YEARS
APPELLATION:	HOWELL MOUNTAIN, NAPA VALLEY
ALCOHOL:	14.7%