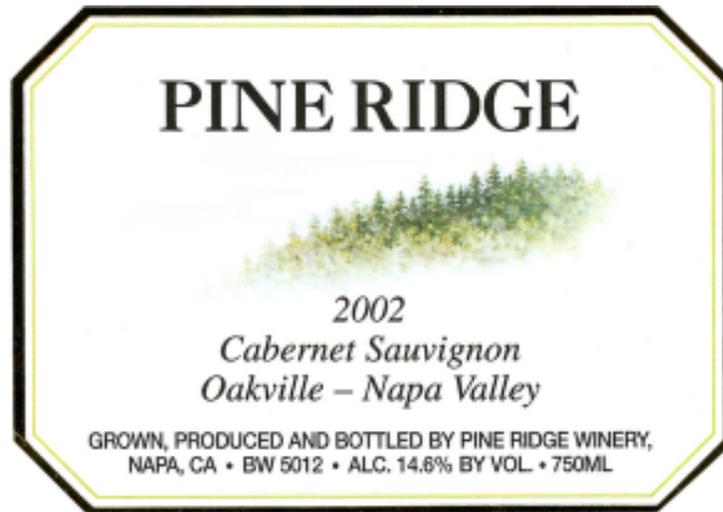


# PINE RIDGE



## 2002 OAKVILLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ORIGIN:** Home to some of Napa Valley's premier vineyards, the Oakville appellation is known for its world-famous Cabernet Sauvignon. Balance, good fruit integration and flavors of bright cherry and red berry fruit are hallmarks of wines produced in this appellation. The estate-grown Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon is carefully blended in the Bordeaux style with 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc.

**VINEYARD:** Grapes grown in the warmer mid-valley temperatures of Oakville, with its gravelly soils combined with clay (the result of old Napa River fans), yield wines of great balance and structure. Our estate vineyard here is planted with clones 7, 8 and 337, on 3 x 12 and 6 x 12 foot spacings. Clone 7 was originally planted in 1988. Select areas of the vineyard are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, and Petit Verdot to allow for the blending of wines grown from the same estate vineyard.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were harvested the last days of September of 2002, pumped over traditionally and macerated on the skins for up to 31 days. The wine was pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation, and aged in French oak barrels for 16 months. The wine was bottled in April of 2004.

**TASTING NOTES:** Aromas of milk chocolate, toast, vanilla, bright cherry, boysenberry and a hint of white pepper are revealed on the nose of this medium to full bodied wine. The flavors echo the bouquet, with additional notes of spicy tobacco and cranberry. The wine boasts a silky, supple entry, velvety tannins and a long finish accented by expansive flavors of milk chocolate, pie cherry, boysenberry, cocoa powder, cedar and toast. With its well structured tannins it may be consumed now or cellared for 10 years or more.

The vintage produced 1,600 cases as well as 1.5L, 3L and 6L formats.

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