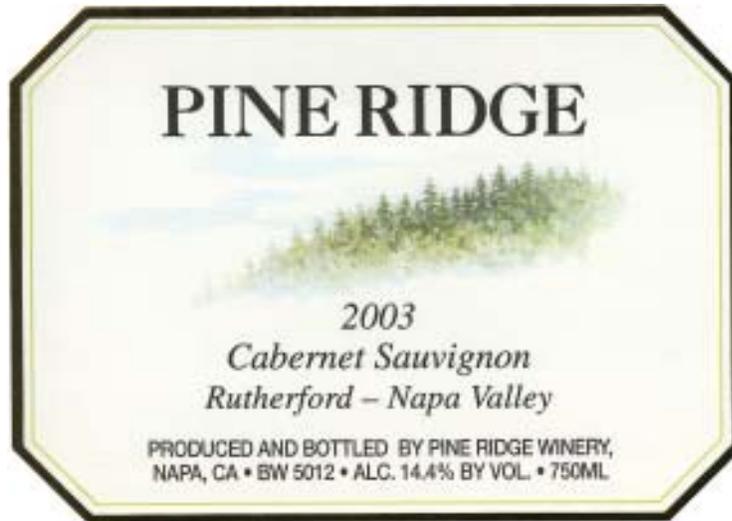


PINE RIDGE



2003 *RUTHERFORD* CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ORIGIN: This distinctive Bordeaux style blend is complemented by the “Rutherford Dust” characteristics of this historic Napa Valley appellation. The style is created to broaden and fine tune the palate as well as extend the finish. Our Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, produced since the inception of Pine Ridge in 1978, reflects the attention to detail afforded our entire portfolio of fine wines. The 2003 vintage is a blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6 % Merlot.

VINEYARD: The 2003 season began with a cool, wet spring followed by temperatures in the 100’s in May. The high heat led to shatter in some varieties, reducing the projected crop. Following a moderate, humid summer there were two separate heat/wind events that caused some shrivel which necessitated slow and selective picking. As a result of hand picking and sorting, the vintage is firm and concentrated, without being overripe. Grapes were hand harvested in late September to mid October 2003 from our three narrow-spaced estate vineyards in the Rutherford appellation.

WINEMAKING: This vintage we expanded our sorting capacity for all grapes to include both cluster and berry sorting prior to light crushing. A long season and rich maturity of tannins allowed for an extended maceration of 29 to 37 days. This contact with the skins develops the expansive mouthfeel and tannin structure of the wine. Aged in new, one, and two-vintage-old French oak barrels for 17 to 19 months, this wine was not fined and was bottled in May of 2005.

TASTING NOTES: A briary nose is marked with blackberry, ripe cherry, dried cherry, anise seed, tobacco and mineral as well as slight vanilla and barrel toast elements. Ripe sweet berry and cherry notes mingle with creamy mocha flavors and hints of tobacco and minerals that carry through the medium to full palate. The firm finish boasts toast, cherries, black peppercorn, cherry pie and slight tobacco nuances. Enjoy now or cellar for ten years.

This vintage produced 10,300 (750ml) cases, in addition to 1.5L and 3.0L formats.

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