

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2011 RUTHERFORD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SINCE THE 1930'S THE RUTHERFORD REGION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A SOURCE OF SUPERLATIVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IN THE NAPA VALLEY. WITH ESTATE VINEYARDS TOTALING 61 ACRES WITHIN THIS SINGLE APPELLATION, WE MAKE THE MOST OF THE AREA'S WELL-DRAINED GRAVEL AND LOAM SOILS, PRODUCING WINES OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE AND ELEGANCE.



VINEYARDS The world-famous Rutherford AVA is home to three of our estate vineyards, Hidden Canyon, Rutherford Ridge and Manley Lane, totaling 61 acres from which the fruit for this bottling was sourced. Situated on the valley floor with fine loam soil and moderate temperatures, this region is renowned for historically producing some of the Napa Valley's finest and most fruit-forward Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 September through October. The fruit was hand-harvested at night, carefully sorted and destemmed to tank, where fermentation took place. Then, the wine was racked to 60% new French oak barrels, where it was aged for 18 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES Deep garnet-black in color, this wine opens with alluring aromas of strawberry, raspberry, and blackberry pie that are intermixed with notes of black olives, smoked meats, and brining salt. The entry is smooth and supple, followed by hints of sweet basil, dried sage, layered fruits and cream vanilla that linger into the long finish, supported by complex acidity and oak-integrated tannins.

PAIRING With its compelling depth and complexity, this wine would prove an excellent match to a rich meal such as stuffed quail or roasted duck with dried currants. For a delectable cheese course, try pairing this wine with Nicasio Valley San Geronimo cheese. Semi-soft with a washed rind, this cheese stands up well to other bold flavors.

VARIETAL:	79% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 20% PETIT VERDOT, 1% MALBEC
RELEASE DATE:	NOVEMBER 1, 2014
AGING POTENTIAL:	7-12 YEARS
APPELLATION:	RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$85
ALCOHOL:	14.3%