

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2012 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 With consistently mild temperatures throughout spring and summer, 2012 was a stellar vintage in Napa Valley, allowing slow, 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 60% new French oak barrels, where it was aged for 18 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES The vibrant, varied aromas of ripe red cherry, red currant and raspberry sing from the glass of this deep ruby wine, followed by wisps of sweet cinnamon, fine cocoa and caramelized sugar. Ripe and voluptuous, the palate overflows with fruit flavors of red cherry preserves, cassis and cherry cordial that give way to hints of creamy mocha, rich caramel and cinnamon sugar. Silky, supple tannins and bright acidity provide structure and balance the lengthy finish.

PAIRING Both elegant and exuberant, this Cabernet would make a fine partner to a traditional, hearty bistro dish, such as steak frites or coq au vin over buttery noodles. For a cheese course that is sure to impress, try serving this wine alongside Grana Padano, a hard, aged cheese from Italy.

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| VARIETAL: | 82% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 15% MALBEC, 3% PETIT VERDOT |
| RELEASE DATE: | NOVEMBER 1, 2015 |
| AGING POTENTIAL: | 7-12 YEARS |
| APPELLATION: | RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY |
| ALCOHOL: | 14.8% |