

# PINE RIDGE

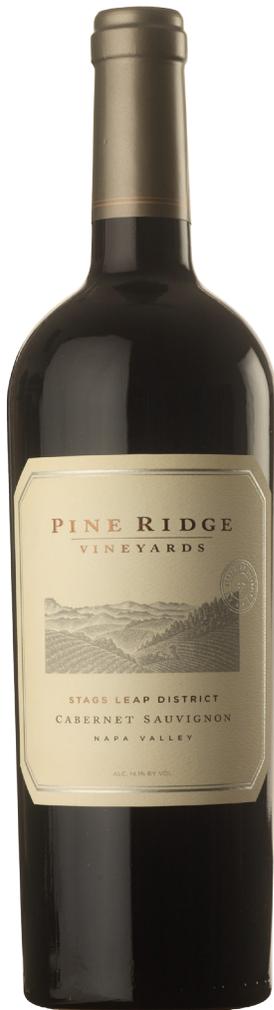
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## VINEYARDS

### 2009 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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OUR STEEP, DENSELY-PLANTED STAGS LEAP DISTRICT ESTATE HAS BEEN THE HEART OF THE WINERY SINCE PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS WAS FOUNDED HERE IN A FARMHOUSE IN 1978. THIS WINE IS A PURE AND EXQUISITE EXPRESSION OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS STAGS LEAP DISTRICT AVA.



**VINEYARDS** The Stags Leap District's moderate temperature, influenced by the San Pablo Bay, leads to slow, even fruit development throughout the growing season. The majority of our 47 acres across four estate vineyards in this region are densely planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals on steeply-terraced hillsides with Bale clay-loam soils, producing very low yields of intensely flavored grapes.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING** With steadily mild temperatures throughout the growing season, the 2009 vintage progressed very smoothly and the clusters ripened evenly. The berries were harvested early September through October and underwent our rigorous sorting process before crush. This vintage remained on the skins for 21 days before being transferred to 65% new French oak barrels, where it aged for 18 months prior to bottling in May 2011.

**TASTING NOTES** This elegant ruby-purple wine enchants the nose with an array of rich fruit aromas of cooked Bing cherries, ripe raspberry and strawberry reduction enveloped by touches of briar, espresso spice and dried violets. The delightfully supple palate exhibits unparalleled balance, silky tannins and deep flavors of dark cherry and boysenberry alongside touches of caramel, baking spice and sugared cinnamon toast that continue long through the velvety finish.

**PAIRING** Velvety and opulent, this wine is a perfect partner to a dish based on a tender meat like lamb. It would be well-matched to pan-seared lamb loin with a shallot and porcini crust over wilted endives and a tomato confit vinaigrette, or simply with a mild and smoothly-textured cheese such as Petit Basque.

VARIETAL:	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
RELEASE DATE:	MAY 1, 2012
AGING POTENTIAL:	7 TO 12 YEARS
APPELLATION:	STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$85
ALCOHOL:	14.5%