

# PINE RIDGE

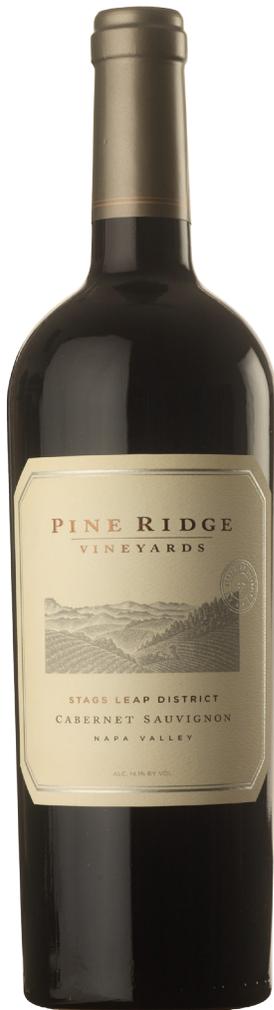
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## VINEYARDS

### 2010 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** The 2010 vintage was cooler than usual during the growing season, but ended with a heat wave. As a result, the fruit for this wine was harvested at an optimal level of ripeness early September to mid-October. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 50% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 18 months before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** Presenting a bouquet that is both savory and sweet, this deep ruby wine expresses rich aromas of ripe, brambly blackberry, sweet red cherry and blackcurrant, enrobed by wisps of smoky oak, Oolong tea, dried sage leaf and dark chocolate mocha. Leading with vivid cherry and fresh raspberry fruits, the lush palate echoes with nuances of white pepper, maple-brown sugar and sweet basil, underscored by velvety tannins on the graceful finish.

**PAIRING** A classic, meaty dish, such as a rack of New Zealand lamb chops and grilled vegetables with hollandaise, makes a fine partner for this elegantly powerful bottling. Alternatively, this complex beauty is equally enjoyable after dinner alongside dark chocolate truffles or an earthy, semi-soft cheese like Ossau, a Basque cheese made from ewe's milk.

VARIETAL:	99% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 1% MALBEC
RELEASE DATE:	MAY 1, 2013
AGING POTENTIAL:	7 TO 12 YEARS
APPELLATION:	STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$85
ALCOHOL:	13.7%