

**PINE RIDGE**  
**VINEYARDS**



**2008 Stags Leap District  
Cabernet Sauvignon**

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 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 2008 vintage was extremely variable, opening with an intense frost that resulted in limited fruit set, then proceeding to be one of the driest seasons on record which reduced berry weight further. A long, cool summer allowed flavors to develop fully before a heat wave encouraged prompt picking. The small but flavorful clusters were night-harvested mid through late September and underwent our rigorous sorting process prior to being destemmed into tank. After 16 days of extended maceration, the wine aged in 55% new French oak barrels before bottling in May 2010.

**TASTING NOTES**

This robust, ruby-black wine boasts a harmony of aromas including dense dried cherry, blackberry jam and red plum interwoven with rich toffee, dried herbs and cigar box notes. The equally bountiful and beautifully structured palate resonates with vibrant black cherry and currant fruits against a background of sweet briar, chocolate-roasted coffee and a subtle white pepper spice, leading into a soft, lengthy cocoa finish with silky-smooth tannins.

**PAIRING**

Always greatly complex and elegant, our Stags Leap District Cabernet would show best against a dish with similar attributes. Pair this bottling with a grilled leg of lamb marinated in garlic confit and fresh thyme over sautéed kale with shallots and olive oil for a beautiful meal. Additionally, this wine would be a delicious accompaniment to a nutty and sweet cheese like Manchego Arqueso Semicurado.

**VARIETAL:** 91% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 8% PETIT  
VERDOT, 1% MERLOT  
**APPELLATION:** STAGS LEAP DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%

**RELEASE DATE:** MARCH 1, 2011  
**AGING POTENTIAL:** 8 TO 10 YEARS  
**SRP:** \$80