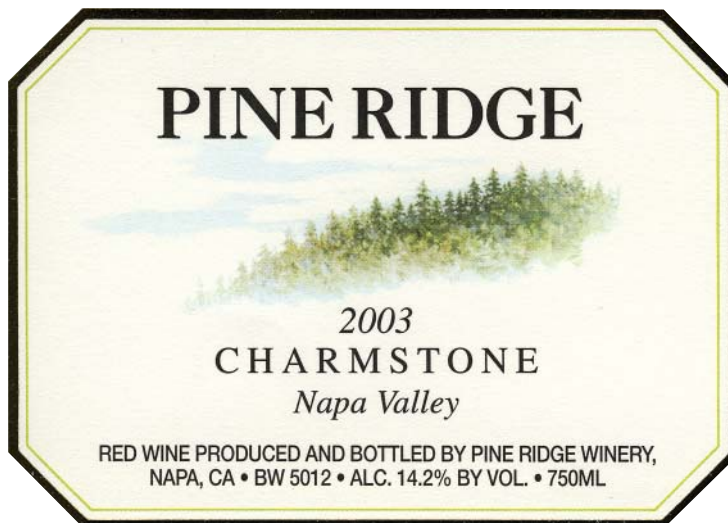


# PINE RIDGE



## 2003 CHARMSTONE

**ORIGIN:** We are pleased to present Charmstone, a wine created to honor our vineyard and cellar crews whose passion and hard work make this and other wines in the Pine Ridge portfolio possible. Charmstone is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. These Napa Valley grown grapes were blended in the Bordeaux style for structure, complexity and ageability.

**VINEYARD:** Fruit was harvested from select vineyards in a handful of the Napa Valley's most renowned appellations, including Carneros, Rutherford, Oakville, Howell Mountain and the Stags Leap District. Known for their distinct terroir, each of these appellations imparts its unique characteristics in the fruit, contributing to Charmstone's overall complexity.

**WINEMAKING:** The wine underwent an extended maceration period of 25-31 days to develop supple tannins. After aging for 17 months in heavily toasted, chateau-style French oak barrels, primarily coopered by Sylvain of Libourne, the wine was bottled without fining in March 2005.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2003 Charmstone opens with a complex array of ripe cherry, blackberry and plum woven with undertones of vanilla, cocoa powder and tobacco. Round and sweet upon entry, this Bordeaux blend displays flavors of cherry and ripe berry with a subtle flint character. Sweet cream and firm tannins lead the way into a sweet, rich finish of blueberry and brown sugar. This medium-full bodied wine is enjoyable now or you may choose to cellar for up to eight years.

Only 1,600 (750ml) cases were produced.

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