

# PINE RIDGE

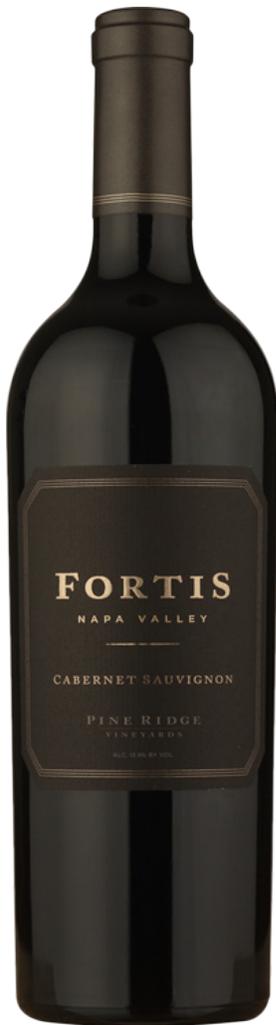
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## VINEYARDS

### 2010 FORTIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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INSPIRED BY OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY AND INNOVATION, A VISION EMERGED IN 2003 TO PRODUCE A WINE THAT WOULD EMBODY THE ABSOLUTE BEST OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS HAVE TO OFFER. BY CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTING A TÊTE DE CUVÉE FROM THOSE VINEYARD BLOCKS THAT EMERGE AS STANDOUTS FROM THE VINTAGE, REGARDLESS OF APPELLATION, WE'VE CREATED AN ULTRA-RESERVE CABERNET, DICTATED ONLY BY THE PHILOSOPHY OF "SIMPLY THE BEST."



**VINEYARDS** Only the finest blocks of the most outstanding fruit are selected from our 200 acres of estate vineyards across the Napa Valley for this special bottling. Every vintage, the appellation composition of this wine will vary depending upon the performance and character of each vineyard. For 2010, the blend is composed of 55% Stags Leap District, 42% Rutherford, 2% Carneros and 1% Oakville fruit.

**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 to mid-October. Fermentation took place at a high temperature to ensure that maximum extraction was achieved before the wine was racked to 55% new French oak barrels. The wine was aged in barrel for a total of 18 months before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES** The 2010 FORTIS presents a harmonious bouquet that overflows with ambrosial aromas of dark black cherry, sugared raspberry, and fresh, juicy plum, swirled seamlessly around wisps of caramel toffee, allspice, and freshly ground espresso. Equally effusive, the impeccably balanced palate rushes with red raspberry, dark plum and cherry cordial flavors that are complemented by elegant tannins and nuances of fine toasted oak, dark cocoa and sweet cream through the opulent finish.

**PAIRING** With its dazzling complexity and astounding balance, this Cabernet is the star of any meal it accompanies. A robust yet simple dish such as a dry-aged Porterhouse steak with creamed spinach and sautéed mushroom caps would pair beautifully with this wine. For a memorable cheese course, pair it with Berkswell, a flavorful ewe's milk cheese from England.

VARIETAL:	90% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 8% PETIT VERDOT, 2% MERLOT
RELEASE DATE:	SEPTEMBER 1, 2013
AGING POTENTIAL:	UP TO 15 YEARS
APPELLATION:	NAPA VALLEY
SRP:	\$150
ALCOHOL:	14.5%