



# PINE RIDGE

## VINEYARDS

### 2019 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. THE SUPPLE TANNINS AND POWERFUL STRUCTURE OF THIS WINE OFFER AN EXQUISITE EXPRESSION OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS STAGS LEAP DISTRICT AVA – THE FIRST AVA DEFINED BY THE UNIQUE DIVERSITY OF ITS SOILS, AND ONE WE WERE PROUD TO HELP ESTABLISH. OUR 2019 STAGS LEAP DISTRICT CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS A BALANCED SELECTION OF GRAPES FROM ALL FOUR OF OUR ESTATE VINEYARDS THAT SHOWCASES THE VARIED SOILS OF OUR SITES, FROM GRAVELLY LOAM TO VOLCANIC RHYOLITIC TUFF.

#### VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season began with a wet, cool spring, and summer was relatively uneventful, with no heat spikes. As a result, veraison did not end until early August in some areas of the valley. Autumn brought hot days and cool nights, which helped the grapes achieve full ripeness while preserving their acidity, and produced full and robust wines with deep color.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Our estate vineyards were harvested on multiple dates between September 24th and October 2nd to maximize the specific ripeness attributes we were aiming for at each site.

Grapes were hand-harvested at night, when temperatures often dip to 50°F, to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression. After a gentle cold soak, the grapes fermented in stainless steel, concrete, and oak barrel fermenters at 92°F. Rigorous pump-overs, increasing during peak fermentation, developed deep color, rich varietal character, and fine tannins. 100% new French oak barrel aging melded the bright fruit with oak spice nuances. After three months of aging, we blended the vineyard components then allow them to marry during the remainder of the 26 months of barrel-aging. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered to present the attributes of the vineyard in the purest form possible, from the dirt to the glass!

#### ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	pH	TA
97% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot	15.5%	3.71	5.9 gm/100ml

#### TASTING NOTES

Admiring this wine's deep purple hue in the glass reminds us why it has become such a mainstay in our portfolio. Redolent with blue and black fruits, this rendition's aromatics are metered by notes of cinnamon, white pepper and cola. With a bright vibrancy, juicy notes of chocolate-covered blueberry meld with Earl Grey tea and bay leaf on the palate. The velvety smoothness of the tannin structure brings a refined element to the wine's finish and makes it irresistible now. However, it will benefit from extended aging and should show nicely through 2039. Pair with homemade Shephard's pie, crafted with love. Or for music lovers, pair this with "Smoke on the Water" by Deep Purple, a song that played in my head when recently tasting this wine.

