

# PINE RIDGE

## VINEYARDS

### 2022 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 DISTRICT AVA.

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Our 2022 Stags Leaps District Cabernet Sauvignon is a selection of grapes from all four of our estate vineyards, which total 47 vine-acres. This wine beautifully exhibits the complex terroir character and exquisite balance achieved by blending grapes grown in these vineyards' different soils, ranging from gravely loam to volcanic rhyolitic tuff. Pine Ridge Vineyards, founded in 1978, was instrumental in establishing Stags Leap District as a distinct viticultural area within Napa Valley. This American Viticultural Area was the first to be defined by the unique diversity of its soil and is known the world round for its powerfully structured wines that exhibit a significant concentration of supple tannins.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The 2022 vintage was harvested from September 9th to October 28th. The grapes were hand-harvested at night when temperatures often dip to 50°F to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression in the wine.

We first cold-soaked the must (crushed grapes) for gentle extraction and then fermented in stainless steel, concrete and oak barrel fermenters at 88°F. Rigorous pump-overs, increasing during the peak of the fermentation, developed deep color, rich varietal character, and fine tannins in the wine. The wine was aged in 60% new French oak barrels to meld the bright fruit expression with oak spice nuances. After three months of aging, we blended the vineyard components allowing them to marry for a total of 20 months of barrel élevage. 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 | 15.5%   | 3.68 | 6.0 g/l |
| 1.5% Petit Verdot      |         |      |         |
| 1.5% Malbec            |         |      |         |

#### TASTING NOTES

Providing a great point-counterpoint entry, the wine exhibits notes of Hershey's milk chocolate and blue-raspberry. On the palate, Bing cherry juice and raspberry jam light up the senses, followed by fresh thyme and vanilla cream. Going from this juicy entry to the lush palate, a slight minerality is noticed on the back end. This is all well supported by the sweet, concentrated tannin for which the Stags Leap District is world renowned. This is followed by an essence of birch beer that is lightly woven together with uber-fine-grained tannin on the finish. This wine should age well for another 15 years and would be a great accompaniment to a bed of risotto generously covered in Parmigiano Reggiano shavings.

