



PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2018 40TH ANNIVERSARY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



FOUNDED IN 1978 BY GARY AND NANCY ANDRUS, PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS SITS IN THE HEART OF THE STAGS LEAP DISTRICT OF NAPA VALLEY, FAMOUS FOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINES OF DISTINCTIVE POWER AND ELEGANCE. IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 40TH VINTAGE WE HAVE CRAFTED A WINE TO HONOR OUR FOUNDERS VISION TO PRODUCE A WORLD CLASS CABERNET SAUVIGNON—BOLD, LIVELY AND CELLAR-WORTHY.

VINTAGE

The fruit was harvested between September 15th and October 15th, at the tail end of a growing season that began a bit chilly. Vintage 2018 opened with higher-than-average frost hours (a measurement of time below 36°F), delaying bud break some. Overall, the conditions were mild, with 14% fewer growing degree days (GDD) in 2018 than 2017. Such even conditions, free of any heat spikes, allowed for balanced ripening in the fruit and remarkable quality.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Three exceptional Napa Valley appellations are on display in this commemorative wine. We pulled Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot from Stags Leap District, Oakville and Rutherford to paint a detailed portrait of the Valley we are so inspired by. The blend is Bordeaux in spirit but the resulting wine is decidedly Napa Valley, ever-expressive and driven by invigorating red fruit flavors. Only here can three wildly distinctive sub-regions meld so seamlessly in the glass.

Harvested at night to preserve freshness, the fruit was carefully sorted in the vineyard before entering the cellar. After de-stemming, the grapes were treated to a cold soak followed by a high-temperature fermentation to achieve maximum extraction. Then, the wine was racked to American oak barrels (30% new) and aged for 18 months.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	pH	ALCOHOL
95% Cabernet Sauvignon	3.59	15.2%
3% Merlot		
2% Petit Verdot	TA	
	6.4 gm/100ml	

TASTING NOTES

This wine was crafted in honor of our intrepid founder, Gary Andrus. Playful, sophisticated and a little eccentric, the wine holds a mirror up to Andrus' own personality. It's a cunning wine that can steal the room as soon as it walks in, just like the man himself. The nose reminds of a spring meadow, driven by wild, floral aromatics. Blueberry, cream pie, toffee and sage greet the palate, backed by firm tannins. There's richness and weight to the wine, with mouthwatering raspberry and graham cracker crust notes. The finish is accented by espresso and baking chocolate, a proper finale to this powerful, exploratory and full-bodied wine.

