

PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

2023 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 2023 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 gravelly 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 2023 vintage was harvested from October 5th to November 1st. 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 75% 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.

TASTING & PAIRING NOTES

Allowing the 2023 Stags Leap District Cab to uncoil in the glass with a little air is a joy to witness. This Cabernet reveals layers that move from graphite and slate to lush black cherry, huckleberry, and berry compote. Notes of fresh fennel, vanilla bean, and cinnamon spice add lift and intrigue. On the palate, bold tannins stride confidently across the mid-palate, leading to a juicy black cherry finish with a touch of youthful grip. Both fresh and structured, this wine showcases the balance of power and elegance that defines Stags Leap. Cellar-worthy for 10-15 years, it pairs beautifully with grilled portobello, arugula, and brie on ciabatta.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	pH	TA
98% Cabernet Sauvignon & 2% Petite Sirah	15.5%	3.74	5.9 g/l

KEY BRAND FACTS

- From Stags Leap District - the smallest, yet most notable Napa Valley AVA
- Cultivated from 47 acres across four estate vineyards, densely planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varieties on steeply terraced hillsides with Bale clay-loam soils, resulting in very low yields of intensely flavored grapes.
- Cave-aged for 20 months in 75% French Oak Barrels

