

# PINE RIDGE

## VINEYARDS

### 2019 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS SYNONYMOUS WITH NAPA VALLEY AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE CORE OF OUR WINEMAKING PROGRAM AT PINE RIDGE VINEYARDS. OUR NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS A COMBINATION OF ESTATE FRUIT FROM STAGS LEAP, OAKVILLE AND RUTHERFORD AND GRAPES FROM SELECT NAPA VALLEY GROWERS WITH A FOCUS ON SOURCING AROUND OUR HOME IN STAGS LEAP.

#### VINTAGE

2019 began with a wet and cool spring, which pushed bud break out two weeks later than in 2018. The summer growing season was relatively uneventful, with no heat spikes. Due to the moderate weather and late bud break, veraison did not end until early August in some areas of the valley. Autumn brought hot days and cool nights which helped push the grapes to full ripening, while preserving their acidity. As a result, the wines produced from this vintage are full and robust with deep color.

#### VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Since our founding in 1978, Pine Ridge Vineyards has invested in 160 acres of estate vineyards, 47 of which are in our home appellation, Stags Leap District. The fruit for this vintage was chosen from our premier sites set throughout the Napa Valley including our estates in Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford.

The 2019 vintage was harvested from September 20th to October 26th. The grapes were hand-picked at night, carefully sorted in the vineyard, then brought to the cellar and de-stemmed. This meticulous care taken in the vineyard by Vineyard Manager Gustavo Alvina and his crew delivered bright, ripe fruit, with substantial mouthfeel and complexity. Following a cold soak, a high-temperature fermentation occurred to ensure maximum flavor and color extraction. The wine was racked to 30% new American oak barrels and aged for 18 months prior to bottling. 70% was aged in neutral French Oak to maintain the freshness and elegance of the vintage.

#### TASTING NOTES

Handfuls of smushed, ripe blueberries and freshly sharpened graphite bound out of the glass. Mouth-watering acidity, balanced by finely integrated tannins, is enveloped by flavors of cinnamon spiced plum with vanilla accents. On the finish, aromatics of French press coffee, mixed berries and coconut slowly recede into the distance. Pair with Mole Coloradito. Enjoy now through 2029.

#### ANALYSIS

<b>VARIETALS</b>	<b>pH</b>
88% Cabernet Sauvignon,	3.72
11% Merlot,	
1% Petit Verdot	<b>TA</b>
	6.0 g/L
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	
15%	

#### KEY FACTS

- Sourced our premier sites set throughout the Napa Valley including our estates in Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford
- A growing wine, volume up 42.6%, 52 wk year over year in IRI (12/26/21)
- Certified Sustainable in the Vineyards and Cellar practices

