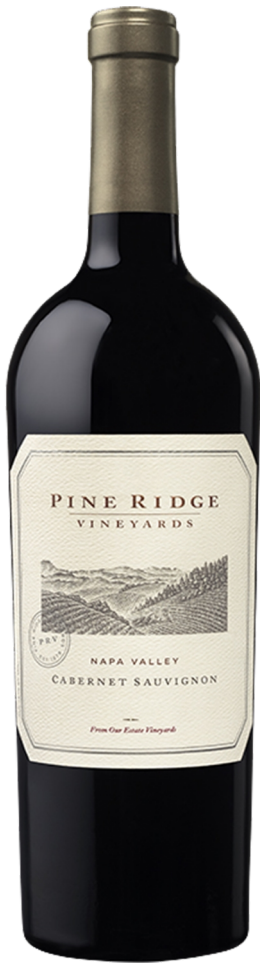


Pine Ridge,
Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2022
Napa Valley, California, USA

PINE RIDGE
VINEYARDS



Grape Varieties	81% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petite Sirah 5% Malbec 2% Merlot 1% Petit Verdot 1% Cabernet Franc
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Winemaker	Joshua Mendoza Widaman
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15.5%
Acidity	5.9g/L
Wine pH	3.8
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Carbon Neutral, Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

This 80-hectare estate was founded in 1978 when Gary Andrus planted the property's original vineyard in Stags Leap on a terraced hillside flanked by a ridge of pine trees. They now have vineyards across five sub-zones in Napa: four in the Stags Leap District, three in Rutherford, three in Carneros and one each in Howell Mountain and Oakville. This diversity gives winemaker Josh Widaman many different blending options from which to choose each year, the results of which can be seen in the stunningly high quality of the wines they produce.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine was sourced from Pine Ridge's estate Napa Valley vineyards, predominantly in the Stags Leap District, Oakville and Rutherford AVAs. High density plantings and attentive farming of the vineyard blocks translate to a complex wine characteristic of this famous region.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley saw record-breaking weather events, with 80% of the total rainfall arriving before the new year. This filled vineyard ponds for the first time in two years but was followed by the driest three months on record, leading to an early bud break. Despite the dry spell, earlier rains ensured healthy canopies. The summer was generally average but slightly warmer than 2021. An early-September heat wave accelerated harvest before being cooled by rain later that month.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand-harvested and sorted at night to preserve acidity. They were then destemmed and cold soaked, before a high-temperature fermentation, ensuring maximum flavour and colour extraction from the grapes. 35% of the wine was racked to new French oak and 15% to new American oak, before being aged for 18 months prior to bottling. The remaining 50% was aged in neutral French oak to maintain the freshness and elegance of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is defined by aromas of dark chocolate, black berries, spice plum and spearmint. The palate is full bodied and complex, with opulent fruit and spiced notes structured by firm, silky tannins.