



FOREFRONT



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

While honoring the winemaking legacy that has earned Pine Ridge its reputation, our open sourcing approach brings together the best fruit, regardless of appellation, to craft wines of exceptional quality and distinctive style.

THE WINE The blending of multiple varieties and appellations contributes a vast complexity to this bottling. Syrah and Grenache from San Luis Obispo are included in the blend to deliver a modern flavor profile and lend a luscious fruit-forward character as a soft counterpoint to the Napa County Cabernet and other Bordeaux varieties.

Forefront: (n.) the leading edge; a bold, adventurous position

VARIETAL	APPELLATION	VINTAGE NOTES
75% Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	Stable, warm temperatures persisted throughout the growing season until picking, ensuring complexity and even ripeness.
	Lake	Even temperatures lasted until a heat wave in August followed by a sudden chill, resulting in one of the best vintages in recent memory, with intense berry flavor and richness.
10% Merlot	Napa	See above
5% Syrah, 2% Grenache	San Luis Obispo	The season started out dry and cool, but temperatures rose in August and September, leading to lower yields and impeccable balance and complexity.
5% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc	Napa	See above

THE WINEMAKING The fruit for this blend was harvested from mid-September through late October to allow each varietal to reach its full potential. Grapes were carefully sorted then sent to temperature controlled tanks for fermentation, with pump-overs performed two to three times daily to fully extract the rich flavors. The finished wine was aged in 50% new French oak for seventeen months prior to bottling.

THE FLAVOR PROFILE A complex nose of black cherry, ripe blackberry and stewed cranberry swirl around touches of cinnamon bark and dark cocoa powder. Leading with silky red cherry and bright cassis notes, the velvety palate also displays intriguing hints of sandalwood, cherry cola and toasted vanilla, backed by fine tannins that enliven the smooth, lengthy finish.



- VARIETAL:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Grenache
- APPELLATION:** 92% Napa, 7% San Luis Obispo & 1% Lake Counties
- ALCOHOL:** 14.1%
- RELEASE DATE:** September 2011
- SRP:** \$24

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