



# Pine Ridge

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## Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

California, USA

**PINE RIDGE**  
VINEYARDS

### Region and Vineyards

Pine Ridge's 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is drawn from **multiple estate sites across Napa Valley**, with a particular emphasis on their home in the **Stags Leap District**—a region revered for its combination of power and finesse in Cabernet expression. Additional fruit comes from **Oakville** and **Rutherford**, appellations that bring structural backbone, dark fruit character, and lifted aromatics, enriching the final blend with layered complexity.

The estate farms **160 acres of vineyards**, with 47 located in Stags Leap. The 2019 growing season began with a **cool, wet spring**, delaying budbreak and extending the ripening timeline. A stable summer followed, free of extreme heat, leading to a **long, balanced maturation period**. The combination of warm autumn days and cool nights in Napa ensured **optimal ripeness with preserved acidity**, producing fruit with concentration, depth, and vibrancy.

### Winemaking

The fruit was **hand-harvested at night** between September 20 and October 26 to retain freshness and avoid premature fermentation. Meticulous vineyard sorting ensured only the finest berries reached the cellar. After destemming, a cold soak was conducted to extract gentle color and aroma before **high-temperature fermentation** was initiated to achieve full flavor and tannin integration.

The wine was matured for **18 months**, with 39% aged in **new American oak barrels** to develop spice and structure, while 61% rested in **neutral French oak** to preserve freshness and varietal purity. This dual approach to aging imparts depth without overshadowing the wine's vibrant fruit core. The final blend consists of **88% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **11% Merlot**, and **1% Petit Verdot**, resulting in a wine that is rich, balanced, and built for longevity.



Alcohol :14,90 %

Composition: 91% Cabernet  
Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 3%  
Cabernet Franc



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet reflections, richly saturated.
- **Aroma:** Bursting with ripe **blueberries, graphite**, and hints of **sharpened pencil**, followed by subtle notes of **cinnamon, plum**, and **vanilla**.
- **Palate:** Bold yet structured, with mouthwatering acidity and finely integrated tannins. Flavors of **spiced plum, mixed berries**, and **French press coffee** are layered with toasty accents of **coconut**. The finish is long, elegant, and gently savory.

## Did you know?

Since its founding in **1978**, Pine Ridge Vineyards has become a benchmark producer in Napa Valley, particularly in the **Stags Leap District**, where its headquarters and cellar are located. The estate's sustainable viticulture practices are certified both in the vineyard and in the cellar, underlining their commitment to quality and environmental stewardship.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Mole Coloradito:** A complex dish that mirrors the wine's spice, richness, and dark fruit character.
- **Grilled ribeye with rosemary butter:** The wine's structure and tannins stand up to richly marbled cuts of beef.
- **Roast duck with plum glaze:** Accentuates the wine's berry and spice notes while balancing its savory depth.
- **Aged cheddar and walnut tart:** A fine companion to the wine's firm tannins and subtle oak.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2018)

*A barrel-sample blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is very deep garnet-purple in color with vibrant wild blueberries, blackberries and boysenberries with red and black currants, bay leaves, lavender and cedar chest. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is vibrant and refreshing with a firm, grainy frame and lively finish. Barrel Sample: 91-93*



### Decanter (DCT) : 91 Points (2016)

*Ripe, rich, velvety and supple with succulent cassis and blackberry aromas. Great concentration of cedar, smoke and vanilla with overall wonderful complexity and structure.*



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**Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 91 Points (2016)**

*The only 2016 presented, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley spent 16-18 months in American oak and reveals a saturated purple color as well as a ripe, sexy style in its blackberry, plums, vanilla bean, and spice-laced aromas and flavors. Loaded with fruit, it still stays balanced and pure, with silky tannins and a great finish. I don't think it's going to make old bones, but it's a beautiful, pleasure-bent beauty.*

