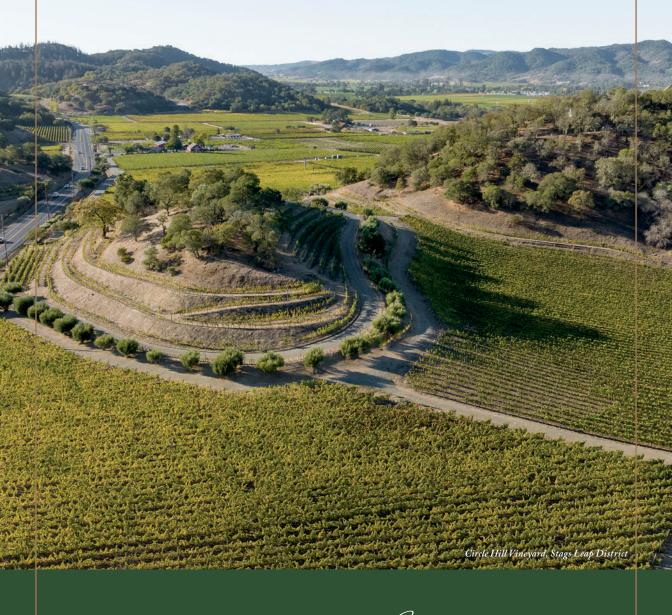


# PINE RIDGE

VINEYARDS

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APPELLATION Society





Vinemaking UPDATE

WITH ESTATE WINEMAKER
JOSH WIDAMAN

We're enjoying unseasonably warm weather during the final picks of harvest, but the vintage has been, as Gustavo rightly says, just about perfect overall. In a little over a week, all our fruit will be in, and we'll settle into fermenting, pressing, and barreling all those beautiful clusters.

In contrast to 2023, where we were cautious about underripe fruit, 2024 presents a different challenge — managing ripeness to avoid any overripe, raisin-like characteristics dehydrated by the heat. Our team is working diligently to manage the ripeness and tannin levels of the grapes and I'm very impressed by what I've gotten my hands on thus far.

A big perk this year has been continuing our trial with an optical sorter. The revolutionary tool can detect even the slightest flaws, taking only the best grapes and discarding the lesser fruit. As we always do, we pick the fruit under the cool cover of night. It's the best time for stabilizing acid and sugar levels, retaining the firmness of the fruit, and concentrating aromas and flavors. There's something magical about picking grapes beneath the stars, with the occasional owl as your only companion — it's a time when the vineyard feels truly alive.

In this shipment, you'll experience three very different wines from the 2022 vintage. The Circle Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, built around clone 33, offers a tremendous coupling of fruit and spice. I'm always amazed by the flavor of these just-picked grapes, as they tend to taste like they've already been aged in oak. There's a mountainous freshness to this wine, showing boysenberry jam and cherry juice.

The Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon is uniquely a Pine Ridge creation. The appellation is renowned for its benchlands, which afford a cocoa powder-like quality to the fruit. Our site boasts unique and fine volcanic soil called tuff on the west end. It so often produces a wine that's not only concentrated and deep, but serious and ripe with structure.

Finally, the Malbec. Admittedly, this is a varietal I didn't always love, especially years ago. But I've learned to truly appreciate the layer it adds in blends and, as a standalone wine, how it brings incredible lavender and violet notes to its best iterations. Malbec never lacks in terms of mouthfeel and roundness and the color is absolutely insane. The wine is so fragrant, it practically leaps out of the glass.

As we wrap up the harvest season, we're incredibly thankful for another vintage under our belts and for the continued support of our loyal members. I hope you're finding time to enjoy the rewards of this year's efforts and, like me, look forward to a slower pace as the holidays approach — a time to reflect, recharge, and, of course, enjoy a glass of wine.





Viliculture UPDATE

#### WITH VITICULTURE DIRECTOR GUSTAVO AVIÑA

The 2024 growing season was outstanding. Near-perfect weather set the stage, with a healthy dose of early rainfall giving way to steady temperatures and much-needed warmth just when the vines craved it most. Thankfully, we were spared the stubborn heat spikes that have challenged us in recent years.

Yields varied, slightly below average depending on the vineyard site, but the season unfolded with a refreshing sense of normalcy. Budbreak came in early April, followed by bloom in May — right on time for Napa Valley. In fact, the vintage started and wrapped up earlier than 2023, but it felt more in line with the rhythm we strive for. What was especially gratifying was how smoothly vineyard operations went, all under ideal weather conditions. This bodes incredibly well for the wines of 2024, which promise to be nothing short of phenomenal.

What made this year particularly refreshing was the way it seemed to finally shake off the grip of drought that has held the region for so long. With harvest nearly complete, the vines are preparing for their well-earned dormancy. Our attention now shifts to nurturing the soil and ensuring the vineyards are ready for their winter rest through cover crop plantings and compost applications.

Our crews worked tirelessly, enduring sleepless nights and tackling the laborious tasks that bring forth some of the finest fruit in the world. Now, as we reflect on this season's bounty, we look forward to some well-deserved rest, savoring quality time—and quality wines—with our families. We hope you'll raise a glass and join us in celebrating this year's harvest.

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# APPELLATION SOCIETY WINE Selections

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley was notable for extreme weather. Nearly 80% of the rainfall arrived before the new year, replenishing vineyard ponds after two dry years. However, this was followed by the driest three months on record, causing an early bud break. Despite this, early rains resulted in healthier canopies. The summer was warmer than in 2021, leading to a harvest that started 5 to 7 days earlier. The yield was 15% lighter, but the quality was exceptional, making 2022 one of the most condensed harvests in recent memory.











#### 2022 Circle Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

RETAIL - \$175.00 MEMBER - \$140.00

There's an alpine freshness to the Circle Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, with breezy wafts of boysenberry jam and cherry juice. Delicate green notes of tomato leaf and dried herbs provide a lively contrast to the fruit-forward entry. On the palate, blueberry melds with vanilla cream before a balanced backdrop of well-integrated oak. Additional layers unfurl, revealing notes of raspberry jam, marshmallow and wet cement. Dimpled tannins and a pleasant streak of acidity lend impressive length and structure, characteristic of the revered Circle Hill Vineyard. Built for aging, this Cabernet will develop beautifully over the next 5 to 12 years. When ready to enjoy, pair it with a rustic panzanella salad with lardons for a perfect complement

VARIETIES 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Sirah APPELLATION Stags Leap District BARRELS 24 months, 75% new French oak ALCOHOL 15.5% AGING POTENTIAL Enjoy now through 2034

### 2022 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

RETAIL - \$125.00 MEMBER - \$100.00

The Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon whisks you straight to the candy shop, leading with sweet notes of raspberry tootsie pop, milk chocolate and vanilla. As the wine evolves, it shifts gracefully towards earthier tones, revealing subtle layers of tomato leaf, pine needles, and fresh soil. Dark and delectable flavors of blackberry, black cherry and anise coast across a baseline rooted in forest floor and loamy characteristics. Robust upfront with peach fuzz and stewed plum notes, the rich and cacao-driven palate cinches down before a tacky and unhurried finish. The edgy palate is illuminated by a focused acidity, showcasing the precise structure of the wine.

VARIETIES 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION Rutherford District BARRELS 20 months, 33% new French oak
ALCOHOL 15.5% AGING POTENTIAL Enjoy now through 2031

## 2022 Napa Valley Malbec, Napa Valley

RETAIL - \$75.00 MEMBER - \$60.00

Fiercely fragrant, the Malbec begins with blue raspberry, peach skin and a touch of musk. On the palate, a blend of fruit, spice, and savory notes unfolds, with layers of Saigon cinnamon, blackberry pie, black pepper, and graham cracker. Generous and concentrated, this wine winds its way around a sturdy framework of fine-grained tannin and ample acidity. Grounded and lengthy, this Malbec finishes with grace and stately patience. Drink now through 2034 and pour it to the tune of a blue cheeseburger or risotto with wild mushrooms.

VARIETIES 87% Malbec, 10.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Sirah, 0.5% Merlot Appellation Napa Valley Barrels 20 months, 40% new French oak Alcohol 15.5% aging potential Enjoy now through 2034

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# Flank Steak and Salsa Verde pair with 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Our 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet
Sauvignon, with its layers of cranberry,
shortbread, and blueberry, pairs
beautifully with the bold flavors of the
marinated flank steak and vibrant salsa
verde. The wine's lively acidity and
velvety texture elevate the savory richness
of the steak, while the fresh herbs in the
salsa enhance every mouthful. Serves 4

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1½ lbs flank steak

½ c plus ¼ c olive oil

 $\frac{1}{2}$  c plus 1 tbsp balsamic

vinegar

2-3 garlic cloves, diced

3 tbsp flat leaf parsley,

chopped

2 tbsp Italian seasoning

1 c flat leaf parsley

½ c basil

½ c cilantro

1 shallot, roughly

chopped

2 garlic cloves

½ lemon, juiced

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

4-5 cornichons

1 tbsp whole grain

mustard

1 tbsp plus 1 tsp flakey

salt

1 tbsp plus 1 tsp black

pepper, ground

#### DIRECTIONS

Start with the marinade. In a medium bowl, combine  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup olive oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup balsamic vinegar, garlic, chopped parsley, and Italian seasoning. Mix marinade to thoroughly combine and pour over flank steak. Allow to marinate between 4 and 24 hours in the fridge.

In a food processor, make the salsa verde. Add parsley, basil, cilantro, garlic, shallot, lemon juice, red wine vinegar, cornichons, whole grain mustard, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper. Slowly pulse to form a rough chop, about 20–30 seconds. Transfer to a small bowl and stir in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup olive oil.

Remove the steak from the marinade and generously season both sides with salt and pepper. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot and add the steak. Cook for 3–5 minutes, then flip, cooking for another 3–5 minutes until desired doneness. Slice and serve topped with salsa verde.



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WINES (750ML)	RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE	MEMBER BOTTLE PRICE
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2023 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc	45.00	36.00
2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 92 POINTS	70.00	56.00
2021 Napa Valley Malbec	75.00	60.00
2022 Napa Valley Malbec NEW RELEASE	75.00	60.00
2021 Black Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon	75.00	60.00
2021 Petit Verdot	75.00	60.00
2022 Napa Valley Merlot	75.00	60.00
2022 Carneros Cabernet Sauvignon	125.00	100.00
2022 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon	125.00	100.00
2022 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon NEW RELEASE	125.00	100.00
2021 Stagecoach Cabernet Sauvignon	125.00	100.00
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2021 Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 96 POINTS Limited	165.00	132.00
2022 Stags Crown Cabernet Sauvignon	175.00	140.00
2022 Circle Hill Cabernet Sauvignon NEW RELEASE 96 POINTS	175.00	140.00

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JAN 29 Last day for account changes and customizations

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