



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2005 E. J. CHURCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE NAPA VALLEY

This reserve wine takes its name from E.J. Church. Long Meadow Ranch's pioneering settler who acquired the property via a patent grant from President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872. We have replanted the southwest-facing vineyards which E.J. Church established in the 1870's. These mountain grown grapes, planted at 1300 feet elevation, develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

Release Date:	February 2009
Growing Season:	Winter rains took pause for a dry, mild March then began again with record-setting precipitation late into the growing season delaying bloom and set. The summer months were cool and pleasant with few heat spikes. Fog and cool temperatures were a concern heading into September as sugar levels were yet to rise in all varieties. Warm, nearly perfect conditions arrived with an Indian summer making for a later than average harvest.
Harvest Dates:	August 29, 2005
Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Brix @ Harvest:	25.5°
Cooperage:	Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak by Seguin-Moreau and Taransaud for 22 months. Medium Plus Toast.
Alcohol:	13.5 percent
Production:	150 cases
Food Affinities:	Perfect with LMR Grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.
Winemaker's Comments:	"The inaugural release of the E.J. Church Cabernet expresses the full range of LMR's terroir. The wine possesses an impressive balance of concentrated varietal fruit, intriguing earthiness and rich tannins. The nose reveals core aromas of black cherry, black tea and cedar, then unveils layer after layer of nuance (molten dark chocolate, mineral, black current, roasting coffee beans, warm butter cookies). The lush expansive entry delivers all of these flavors to the palate. Refined tannins lend a seamless quality to the wine all the way to its structured mouth watering finish." <i>-Ashley Heisey</i>
Long Meadow Ranch:	Owned by Ted, Laddie & Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated organic farming system using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens.

All crops are certified organic by the California Certified Organic Farmers and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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