



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2005 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Release Date:	Fall 2008
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, providing fruit with extended hang time and ultimately realizing excellent sugar development and balanced acids with a larger than average crop.
Harvest Date:	September 29 - October 18, 2005
Varietal Composition:	98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	13.15 percent
Brix @ harvest	24.5°
Cooperage:	Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak by Seguin-Moreau and Taransaud for 18 months. Medium Plus Toast.
Case Production:	2726 cases
Food Affinities:	Perfect with LMR Grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.
Winemaker's Comments:	"Purity of varietal expression and start-to-finish balance make this cabernet an exceptional choice for tonight's dinner or aging in the cellar. The nose exemplifies vibrant notes of blackberry, black cherry, cedar, and floral black tea. The enjoyable earthiness of the wine is part varietal, part terrior. The style is reminiscent of the finest European cabernets but the concentrated fruit and full, ripe tannins reflect LMR's terrior. This wine will complement, without dominating, a full range of dining experiences." <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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