



# Long Meadow Ranch Winery

## 2007 E.J. CHURCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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.

**Growing Season:** The year began dry with some very cold days and single-digit nighttime temperatures around the New Year holiday, the opposite to the start of 2006 when floods greeted the New Year. The season continued dry, with about 60 percent of normal precipitation. Temperatures were warmer than normal as winter continued into spring resulting in much earlier budding, bloom and set in the vineyards. Soils dried early in spring due to low precipitation. The summer growing season continued on the mild to cool side but with sufficient warmth towards early autumn developing the grapes.

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 13.5 percent

**Cooperage:** Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak by Seguin Moreau and Taransaud for 22 months. Medium Plus Toast.

**Case Production:** 227 cases

**Food Affinities:** Perfect with LMR grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.

**Winemaker's Comments:** "The 2007 Church expresses the full ripeness of the vintage, the full potential of the terrior and the full range of Cabernet Sauvignon's varietal character. The fruit is dark, ripe black cherries. The earthiness is black peppercorns and star anise, with lots of minerality. The mouth feel is broad, supple and full-bodied, without being cloying. The finish is mouthwatering fruit coupled with sweet oak/cedar and a touch of cocoa powder. The layers of the wine reveal themselves with pleasant surprise as the wine opens in the glass."  
*-Ashley Heisey*

**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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