



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2008 SANGIOVESE NAPA VALLEY

Vineyard Location:	Long Meadow Ranch, Peter's Vineyard, Napa Valley
Growing Season:	The 2008 harvest was a year of extremes. We entered the season with a 30 percent reduction of annual rainfall and frosty conditions through March and April. The summer continued to be cooler than average, with erratic temperatures through our Indian summer, resulting in low yields from small clusters and small grapes at moderate sugars. But, the cool weather also extended harvest which gave us longer hang time to produce high quality red wines with great balance and flavors.
Varietal:	100% Sangiovese
Alcohol:	13.5 percent
Cooperage:	Aged in neutral French oak for 18 months, the wine shows a rich complexity that hints at its Tuscan heritage.
Case Production:	218 cases
Food Affinities:	Perfect with roasted poultry, wood oven-baked pizza, and pasta.
Winemaker's Notes:	"The youthful red hues of this Sangiovese are consistent with its fruity and vibrant nature. The varietally classic nose shows off black cherry, dried roses, black pepper, minerality and smoky black tea. All of these bright and pure flavors persist on the palate. The texture is silky, smooth and coating. The progression leads to a compelling combination of minerality and mixed red fruits on the finish. Mouthwatering, structured and layered, this Sangiovese exemplifies personality of place and varietal authenticity." - <i>Ashley Heisey</i>
The Vineyard:	In 1994 we began developing a Sangiovese vineyard. Inspired by our family friend, Peter Kraljic, who spent many seasons in the hills of Tuscany, "Peter's Vineyard" is located at a 1,000 elevation on a southwest-facing slope. Aspiring to make a truly great Sangiovese in the tradition of Brunello, we believe that we are the first to plant on a site in the Mayacamas Mountains. Employing 3309 rootstock to reduce vigor and using the small-cluster, small-berry clone known as "Rodeno," we produce this rich, full-bodied wine.
Long Meadow Ranch:	Owned by Ted, Laddie, & Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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