



1995 Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: *November 2002*

Suggested Retail Price: *\$75 per 750ml*

Vineyard Location: *Long Meadow Ranch Bear Canyon Vineyard (100%)*

Harvest Dates: *October 6, 1995*

Varietal Composition: *100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

Brix at Harvest: *23.7°*

Cooperage: *Aged 22 months in French oak coopered by Seguin-Moreau. Medium toast. 50 percent new.*

Alcohol: *12.8%*

Production: *Less than 500 cases*

Food Affinities: *Perfect with Long Meadow Ranch Grass-fed Highland Beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.*

Growing Season: A cool, wet frost-free spring led to late flowering followed by a very hot, record-setting August. A cooler Indian summer worked its magic with a very long, nearly perfect “hang” time. The grapes achieved high acids and concentrated, extracted flavors.

Winemaker's Comments: “The 1995 Cabernet Sauvignon is evolving into a beautiful claret-like wine expressing an earthiness and mineral character in the nose and on the palate. Like fine claret the bouquet is developing with bottle age showing subtle hints of dried Provencal herbs and perfume-like high notes. The vineyard's distinctive black cherry and red fruit character is very present along with lip-smacking strawberry jam in the nose and in the mouth. This is one of my favorite wines.”
- Cathy Corison

The Vineyards: Southwest-facing estate vineyards at 1100 feet elevation atop the Mayacamas Mountains at the edge of Bear Canyon. Development began in 1990. Managed by organic pioneer Frank Leeds. Budwood hand-selected from the Bella Oaks Vineyard in Rutherford and Jordan Vineyard in Alexander Valley, planted on 110R rootstock at 9x5 spacing and using contoured terraces. This is the first vineyard established on Long Meadow Ranch since before Prohibition.

Long Meadow Ranch: Owned by Ted and Laddie 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. “Estate” fertilizers are created through an extensive composting operation that relies on organic material from each segment of the Ranch. Soil erosion is controlled and new soils are built through the extensive use of permanent cover crops made up of carefully selected grasses, clovers, and legumes. 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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