



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Release Date:	Fall 2007
Growing Season:	Bud break occurred earlier than we could remember and the trend carried forward throughout the growing season. Heat spikes occurred in June and at scattered intervals throughout the summer season. Grapes completed veraison early and ripeness with well developed sugars was also realized early and acid balance eventually caught up. Temperatures were steady into one of our earliest harvests ever. Grape quality was very good with a crop that was smaller than average.
Harvest Date:	September 4-20, 2004
Varietal Composition:	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol:	13.9 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:	2750 cases
Food Affinities:	Perfect with LMR Grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.
Winemaker's Comments:	"An exceptional Cabernet, the depth of earth, spice, and fruit layered with natural flavors creates a wine that is particularly harmonious and compelling. The nose exemplifies notes of black currant, cassis, black cherry, cedar, anise, and smoky black tea. The well-balanced earthiness of the wine reflects the natural LMR terroir, full of forest floor, peat, and dried herbs. Already beginning to mellow, the soft, silky tannins are luscious on your palate. Although smooth and well-balanced in its youth, the wine shows complexity that will allow it to be age for many years to come." <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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