



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2006 RANCH HOUSE RED NAPA VALLEY

LMR Ranch House Red's label features one of our first Appaloosa horses, "E-Z", who also worked as Ted's personal horse. We felt that this horse's relaxed, good-natured temperament perfectly captured the spirit of this "E-Z" drinking red wine.

Release Date: Summer 2008

Growing Season: Flooding kicked off the New Year in Napa Valley, which made for great TV footage, but did little damage to dormant vines as cover crops stabilized soils in vineyards while rain continued into spring. Bud break was delayed by a few weeks, but by June, the weather had turned and vines began to bloom and set fruit.

In mid-July, a record-setting heat wave lasted about ten days, but with the crop a few weeks behind the historically normal cycle damage was minimal. Mild weather, somewhat atypical cooler weather in August, allowed for moderately paced and deliberate ripening. Patience was a virtue in the 2006 harvest.

Varietal Composition: Cabernet Sauvignon (76%), Merlot (11%), Syrah (6%), Petite Verdot (5%), Petite Syrah (2%)

Alcohol: 13.5 percent

Production: 1750 cases

Food Affinities: A terrific match for burgers and short ribs, or just a nice red sipping wine for a gathering of family and friends..

Winemaker's Comments: "This vintage of Ranch House Red shows off layers of complexity and lots of forward fruit in addition to the characteristic LMR flavors of deep black currant fruit, fine black tea, and earthiness. Our distinctive counterpoint to a pure Cabernet Sauvignon experience, this blend includes four additional varietals which contribute vibrant red fruits, integrated aromatic notes (floral, anise, white pepper) and silkiness. Its tannins are ample, but soft. The well balanced acidity supports the play of flavors and results in a mouth watering, lingering finish. This wine is perfectly balanced and ready for the table."
- 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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