



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2004 SANGIOVESE NAPA VALLEY

Release Date:	July 2007
Growing Season:	Bud break occurred earlier than many vintners 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 in all varieties was realized early. Growers held on as acid balance eventually caught up. Temperatures were steady into one of the earliest harvests in Napa Valley. Grape quality was very good with a crop that was smaller than average.
Harvest Date:	September 10, 2004
Cooperage:	Aged in neutral French oak for 18 months, the wine shows a rich complexity that hints at its Tuscan heritage.
Alcohol:	13.0 percent
Case Production:	200 cases
Food Affinities:	Perfect with roasted poultry, wood oven-baked pizza, and pasta.
Winemaker's Comments:	"This wine has a youthful, brilliant ruby color in the glass. This is a riper version of LMR's Sangiovese, but still has plenty of vibrancy and varietal acidity. The red fruits of cherry plums and black cherry are complemented by sweet spiciness, minerals, dried orange peel, leather and cocoa powder. This wine has a broad, full entry which becomes characteristically more focused on the mid palate. The finish delivers a mouthwatering burst of red fruit and dried orange peel, which invites another sip. Enjoy!" <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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