



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2005 SANGIOVESE NAPA VALLEY

Release Date:	Summer 2008
Growing Season:	Winter rains took pause for a dry, mild March then began again with record-setting precipitation late into the growing season delaying bloom and set. The summer months were cool and pleasant with few heat spikes. Fog and cool temperatures were a concern heading into September as sugar levels were yet to rise in all varieties. Warm, nearly perfect conditions arrived with an Indian Summer making for a later than average harvest, providing Sangiovese fruit with extended hang time and ultimately realizing excellent sugar development and balanced acids.
Harvest Date:	October 4, 2005
Cooperage:	Aged in neutral French oak for 18 months, the wine shows a rich complexity that hints at its Tuscan heritage.
Alcohol:	13.5 percent
Case Production:	218 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 cool growing season version of LMR's Sangiovese showing plenty of ripe fruit and layers of aromatic complexity. The red fruit of strawberry and cherry are complemented by vanilla, anise, dried citrus peel, blackberry briar, sea spray, black smoky tea, and rhubarb. A soft full entry becomes characteristically more focused on the mid palate. The finish delivers a mouthwatering burst of ripe cherries and apricot nectar which invites another sip." <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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