



# Long Meadow Ranch Winery

## 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

- Release Date: Fall 2006
- Vineyard Location: Long Meadow Ranch Bear Canyon Vineyard (79%)  
Long Meadow Ranch Church Vineyard (21%)
- Growing Season: The unpredictable nature of the 2003 growing season began with a series of early heat spikes in March, followed by the wettest April on record. A long cool summer allowed the fruit flavors to evolve beautifully ahead of the sugar accumulation. Heat spikes in September helped move the harvest forward after many felt it would be a late year.
- Harvest Dates: September 23-30, 2003
- Varietal Composition: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc
- Brix @ Harvest: 24.0°
- Cooperage: Aged in used French oak by Seguin-Moreau for 18 months. Medium Toast. 50% new, 50% 2 year old barrels
- Alcohol: 13.9%
- Production: 2000 cases
- Food Affinities: Perfect with LMR Grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game
- Winemaker's Comments: Elegant with deep garnet color "Bordeaux-like" with tea, cedar, and ripe black fruit. Powerful tannins give full-bodied mouth feel. Finishes smoothly with complex earthiness knitted with dark fruit. - Ashley Heisey
- 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, Laddie & Chris 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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