



## 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date: *Fall 2003*  
Suggested Retail Price: *\$55 per 750ml*  
Vineyard Location: *Long Meadow Ranch Bear Canyon Vineyard (100%)*  
Harvest Dates: *September 27 - October 3, 2000*  
Varietal Composition: *97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc*  
Brix at Harvest: *24.0°*  
Cooperage: *Aged 26 months in French oak coopered by Seguin-Moreau. Medium toast. 50 percent new.*  
Alcohol: *13.6%*  
Production: *Less than 1500 cases*  
Food Affinities: *Perfect with Long Meadow Ranch Grass-fed Highland Beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.*

**Growing Season:** “This is the kind of growing season that has made the Napa Valley famous. Hot days and cool nights create the perfect conditions for making our best wine. With the exception of a heat spike in June, the Napa Valley experienced a cool summer and early fall. While bud breaks occurred at the expected time, we actually began picking seven to ten days later than normal. The addition of a couple of days of rain in September gave the grapes the extra kick to keep hanging and ripening in our sunshine-rich mountain vineyards, which allowed the full natural flavors to develop on the vine. The result is a crop with excellent color, fully developed flavors, and great acidity”  
- Cathy Corison

**Winemaker's Comments:** “The 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another fine example of the vineyard's distinctive black and red fruit flavors, particularly red plums, black cherries, and strawberries. In addition to its distinctively prominent fruit, the nose shows dried flowers, chocolate, and even a touch of leather. This 2000 Cabernet has a balance and elegance that will show well. The soft, silky tannins will allow this wine to evolve beautifully with just a little more bottle age.”  
- Cathy Corison

**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 and Laddie 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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