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LONG MEADOW RANCH
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate Grown

ALCOHOL: 13.5 percent

COOPERAGE: Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak

CASE PRODUCTION: 3,328 cases

FOOD AFFINITIES: Perfect with LMR Grass-fed beef, braised lamb shanks, or with roasted game

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

The long, dry 2012 growing season produced a Cabernet with extraordinary harmony and balance. Its seamlessness makes the task of describing its attractive attributes more difficult than usual. The nose is loaded with ripe fruit, varietally true earthiness and a touch of sweet oak toast. On the palate, the tannins melt from start to finish. The range of concentrated black fruits is sweetly extracted and ever present. Notes of black licorice, anise seed, rootbeer and alluring cab perfume dance in and out without dominating. The finish is full of watering, pleasing fruit and polished tannins. We expect this wine to show as beautifully after years of cellaring as it does today.

— Ashley Heisey

GROWING SEASON:

The third consecutive cool and late growing season of 2012 was perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon. Our dry winter ended with moderate rainfall in March, giving us a long growing season and also led to richer flavor development. We opened the vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters. The night-harvested grapes retained their enticing aromas and naturally pleasing acidity all the way to the bottle.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and 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 California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.