2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MAYACAMAS ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate Grown

VARIETAL: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

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

CASE PRODUCTION: 129 cases

FOOD AFFINITIES: Perfect with LMR grass-fed Highland beef, lamb, or roasted game

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"LMR's Mayacamas Estate Cabernet Sauvignon captured the best of what our mountain fruit produced in this vintage. The aromas combine a complex mix of compelling bottle bouquet, enduring fruit (dried cherries and plum), spice (cardamom and star anise), and cedar. The palate weight is surprisingly rich and mouth filling. It's volume opens to watering fruit and appealing vibrancy. The finish is a balance of Mayacamas Estate terroir and classic bordelaise style. Enjoy the magical way the wine opens with time in the glass."

Ashley Heisey

GROWING SEASON:

It's no secret that the 2011 harvest was one of the more challenging on record. The growing season began with a wet winter and spring, and continued rainfall into mid-June that delayed bloom and disrupted fruit set, resulting in bunch shatter in parts of the region. The vintage ended with a long, cooler than average growing season and a later than average harvest beset with autumn rains. However, our more than 20 years of experience paid off, as we carefully tended our vines for balance. As a result, nature provided us with a beautiful moderate foundation of tannin and fully developed sugars and flavors and we adapted our winemaking to capture this special character. The 2011 vintage surprises with aromatic intensity, finesse, balance and a compelling sense of place.

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.