## 2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate Grown

VARIETAL: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL: 13.5 percent

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

CASE PRODUCTION: 2,728 cases

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

## **WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:**

"The nose has notes of blackberries, the briar patch, cedar, dried herbs and a hint of smoky black tea. The palate is structured and refreshingly generous with additional flavors of dried plums, cherry and cola. The well-knit tannins and pleasant mouthwatering acidity support a persistent finish laced with rich notes of cedar and vanilla. The pure expression of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot varietal characters and the wine's refined balance will promote pleasing development during extended bottle aging."

Ashley Heisey

## **GROWING SEASON:**

The 2010 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon expresses terroir, the personality of our vineyards in a cool growing season, and the positive effects of decades of winegrowing experience in the same place. The 2010 growing season was cool and late. Patience, confidence and hopefulness influenced the picking decisions which were later in the season than any others in Long Meadow Ranch's history. We were rewarded by fruit that was ripe indeed and classically structured.

## 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.

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