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H□LONG MEADOW RANCH□WINERY

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2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate Grown

VARIETAL: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petite Syrah

ALCOHOL: 13.5 percent

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

CASE PRODUCTION: 2,285 cases

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

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"Our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon captured the best of what the vintage had to offer. The aromas are richly layered with notes of minerality, cocoa powder, aromatic red fruits and baking spices (cardamom with hints of cinnamon and clove). The palate weight expands after entry to yield a balanced and supple echo of the aromas. Sweet cherry, ripe plum and roasted sweet chilis add interest and depth to the full range of flavors. The finish is watering with floral note that enhances this fruity and vibrant Cabernet Sauvignon."

- 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 with 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 tannic 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.

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