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LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY



## 2014 MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

**VINEYARD:** Napa Valley

**VARIETAL:** 75% Merlot, 24% Petit Verdot, 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 0.5% Sangiovese

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**COOPERAGE:** 50% new, 50% neutral French oak

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 848 cases

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** Grass-fed Beef, Smoked Baby Back Ribs, or Barbecued Pulled Pork Sandwiches

### **WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:**

"Plum, black cherry and intense, but positively rich, fruit cake aromas on the nose. Graphite, cedar and tobacco flavors integrate with the balanced tannins and expand on the palate with mouth filling intensity."

— Ashley Heisey

### **GROWING SEASON:**

2014 was one of the warmest and driest vintages on record, Napa Valley certainly experienced the effects of the drought. There was no frost during bud break which contributed to a strong, early set in the vineyard. Warm days and no rain allowed us to harvest a beautiful crop in early weeks of August.

### **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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