

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON E.J. CHURCH RESERVE MAYACAMAS ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

This reserve wine takes its name from E.J. Church, Long Meadow Ranch's pioneering settler who acquired the property via a patent grant from President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872. We have replanted the southwest-facing vineyards which E.J. Church established in the 1870s. These mountain-grown grapes, planted at 1300 feet elevation develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

VINEYARD: Estate Grown at 1100 ft at our Mayacamas Estate

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

MATURATION: 18 months in 50% new French oak, 50% neutral French oak

CASE PRODUCTION: 496

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

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"Carefully blended from pure Mayacamas Estate lots, the wine's nose is layered with juicy black cherry, forest earthiness and a touch of cedar. Its harmony of rich tannins, native acidity and sweet fruit extraction provide a slow and pleasing unfolding on the palate and in the glass. The mountain tannins provide structure and ample suppleness which has become part of the reliable EJ Church expression of terroir over the vintages. Enjoy over the next decade."

Ashley Heisey

GROWING SEASON:

An early bud break, one of the longest flowering periods in years, and a long growing season produced a vintage that shines in quality. Spring started fast and an early bloom was met with a dip in temperature, wind and rains, which slowed the development and reduced yields. The result was a small crop of extremely well-concentrated fruit that ripened fully and slowly before an early harvest in 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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