



**farmstead**  
LONG MEADOW RANCH



## 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15.5% Sangiovese, 8% Petite Sirah, .5% Merlot

**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:**

LMR's Farmstead Cabernet Sauvignon captured the best of what the vintage had to offer. The ruby color is vibrant and youthful, but not as deep as some vintages because Sangiovese plays a large role in this blend. The aromas show off Cabernet Sauvignon characters of dried herbs, sweet bark, anise and tobacco as well as dried rose (from Sangiovese) and plenty of toasty cedar from oak aging. The wine expands remarkably on the palate with smooth, seamless, weighty tannins - a difficult texture to achieve in 2011. The complex flavors of cherry, dried beef, dried orange peel and wood-roasted vegetables linger through the clean, watering finish.

### **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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