

Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

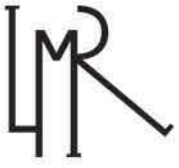
- Growing Season:** The weather in 2009 brought below average rainfall for the Napa Valley. However, we did receive 2 inches of rain in the first two weeks of May which provided sufficient soil moisture for our vineyards. The weather then turned warm and breezy causing many set issues among red varieties around the valley, but not at Long Meadow Ranch. We had a mild summer with slightly below average temperatures, no longer prolong heat spikes and less morning fog than usual. We harvested early and were pleased with the physiologically ripe grapes at moderate sugars allowing us to make a fully flavored wine at lower alcohol.
- Varietal:** 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 2% Petite Sirah
- Alcohol:** 13.5 percent
- Cooperage:** Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak
- Case Production:** 2,715 cases
- Food Affinities:** Perfect with LMR Grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.
- Winemaker's Comments:** " The timing and duration of the 2009 bloom, veraison and harvest were right on track, that is early enough for full maturation of tannins and late enough to avoid heat insults of high summer. However, there is nothing average about the outcome in the finished wines of the vintage. Since the late part of the growing season was mild yet warm enough, this Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon benefited from many, many grape picks spanning more than a month while we moved selectively around the Rutherford Bench and the western hills above Rutherford. The aromas exude blackberry compote, black cherry, toasted brioche and hints of dark roasted coffee beans, fruity olives and toffee. The feel on the palate is rich and round on entry, but quickly opens and sweetens to offer sappy black cherry and sophisticated juiciness. The fruit sweetness and pleasing structure persist to the finish, accompanied by layers of vanilla, roasted hazelnuts and well integrated, other mouthwatering black fruits. Enjoy the personality of Long Meadow Ranch and the growing season, which are expressed in equal measure in this Cabernet." *- Ashley Heisey*
- Long Meadow Ranch:** Owned by Ted, Laddie, & 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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