



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2009 E.J. CHURCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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 1870's. These mountain grown grapes, planted at 1300 feet elevation, develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

Growing Season: The 2009 E.J. Church Cabernet Sauvignon expresses the synergy of growing season, harvest timing, elevation and time-in-bottle beautifully. The 2009 growing season was on the cool side, but early enough for full maturation of dark fruit flavors and classic cabernet tannins. Our winegrowing promotes maturity at moderate Brix, so the harvest timing of late September was optimal.

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 13.5 percent

Cooperage: Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak by Seguin Moreau and Taransaud for 22 months. Medium Plus Toast.

Case Production: 268 cases

Food Affinities: Perfect with LMR grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.

Winemaker's Comments: "The E.J. Church blend typically possesses exceptional power, fruit concentration and age worthy youthfulness and the 2009 vintage is no exception. The nose has layers of amazingly rich fruit, cedar, anise and dried violets. On the palate, the mouthfeel is powerful, but not overpowering; the mouthfilling texture is balanced by silkiness and softness. At entry, there is a burst of sappy fruit (black cherry, cassis, dried raspberries) accompanied by subtle, well knit layers of dried botanicals (cola, black pepper and juniper berries). The finish is persistent and the last impression is youthful, rich fruit. The sum of the complementary parts is remarkable. You may enjoy this age worthy Cabernet throughout the next decade."
-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 the California Certified Organic Farmers and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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