



ESTD 1872

LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY

## 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON E.J. CHURCH RESERVE 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 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 1,300-foot elevation, develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins, which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

**VINEYARD:** Estate grown

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**COOPERAGE:** 50% new French oak

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** Perfect with LMR grass fed Highland beef, lamb, or roasted game.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

The 2012 E.J. Church Reserve is a classic representation of the true potential of our best blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon from our Mayacamas Estate home ranch. This is a very attractive wine with a rich, full nose of mint, baker's chocolate and black cherry. The use of new French oak is balanced by fresh, natural acidity and tannins definitive of our hillside estate plantings. This is truit and age-worthy wine with drinking potential for many years to come.

– Ashley Heisey

### GROWING SEASON:

The third consecutive cool and late growing season of 2012 was perfect for our Cabernet Sauvignon. Our dry winter ended with moderate rainfall in March, giving us a long growing season that also led to richer flavor development. We opened the vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters. The night-harvested grapes retained their enticing aromas and naturally pleasing acidity all the way to the bottle.

### LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Chris 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.