



ESTD 1872

LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY

## 2013 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:**

Our stately E.J. Church Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon derives its depth from diverse mountain terroir representing the finest expression of our Mayacamas Estate. Balanced acidity and moderate alcohol allow for this wine to be a perfect food pairing. A juicy palate reveals complex layers of black fruits, licorice followed by mineral traces of pencil lead and slate. With a deep garnet hue and youthful acidity backed by brambly, supple tannins creates a long and balanced 30 second finish.

– Ashley Heisey

### **GROWING SEASON:**

2013 was a superb vintage. The unusually long season, moderate temperature without a major heat spike, and lack of rains made for one of the best vintages in recent memory. An early spring bud break allowed our vineyards to get a two-week head start on the vintage, and the lack of frost meant that yields were excellent while the longer growing season allowed for full ripeness. The wines from this vintage will be outstanding in quality and our E.J. Church Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is no exception,

### **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.