



ESTD 1872

LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY



## 2017 MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

**VINEYARD:** Estate grown at our Mayacamas & Rutherford Estates

**VARIETAL:** 100% Merlot

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**MATURATION:** Aged in 25% new French oak

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 847

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** LMR grass-fed beef, smoked baby back ribs, or barbecued pulled pork sandwiches

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

"This blend of our Mayacamas Estate and Rutherford Estate blocks is a tribute to how the noble Merlot grape thrives in our Napa Valley. The sweet red fruit nose is abundant with fresh cherry, raspberry preserve and a hint of Bourbon vanilla. Plum and a very light cedar note emerge on the palate. Generous acidity and long soft tannins result in a lingering freshness that gives this wine exceptional versatility for entertainment and dining." - Justin Carr

### GROWING SEASON:

Abundant rainfall and a mild spring resulted in an extended flowering period and vigorous vines. Warming temperatures in August resulted in harvest beginning early for white varietals, but cool weather followed, allowing sugar levels to balance and extend the season allowing for a beautiful crop.

### 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.