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LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY



## 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RUTHERFORD ESTATE NAPA VALLEY

**VINEYARD:** Rutherford Estate

**VARIETAL:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**MATURATION:** 18 months in 50% new French oak, 50% neutral French oak

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 407

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** LMR grass-fed Highland beef, braised lamb shanks, or roasted game

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

“The 2017 Rutherford Estate is bright on entry with aromas of berries, Rainier cherries, pomegranate, and a touch of cardamom. Notes of vanilla, cedar cigar box, and a granite minerality emerge on the palate. Lively in acidity and long soft tannins, this is a mouthwatering Cabernet Sauvignon that will delight for many years to come.”

– Justin Carr

### GROWING SEASON:

Winemakers were optimistic about overall vintage quality, but were predicting lower than average yields. The year began with abundant rainfall. Spring weather was mild, resulting in extended flowering in some areas with little shatter. Vines were vigorous thanks to the winter rains. A freak hail storm passed through quickly in June causing isolated damage. Three heat events, including one over Labor Day weekend, kicked harvest into high gear, dehydrating some grapes by early September. Cool weather arrived immediately afterward, allowing sugar levels to return to normal. Most late-ripening red grapes continued to hang on the vine and were picked over the next few weeks. By October 8 (when the wine country wildfires started) 90 percent of the grape tonnage was in and by the end of October, harvest was complete. Vintners have been rigorously evaluating grapes and fermenting wines that may have been affected by the fires.

### 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.