

2016 E.J. CHURCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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 President 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 1300 feet elevation develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

VINEYARD: Estate Grown at 1,100 ft at our Mountain Estate

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

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

CASE PRODUCTION: 152

FOOD AFFINITIES: LMR grass-fed beef, lamb, or roasted game

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"This wine is the barrel select representation of best blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon from our Mountain Estate ranch. This elegant ageworthy wine has a rich nose of black cherry, plum, cocoa and a hint of dried bay leaf. On the palate, French oak is balanced by the fresh, natural acidity and round tannins definitive of our mountain blocks."

- Justin Carr

GROWING SEASON:

An early bud break, wet spring soils, and a long growing season produced a vintage with excellent quality. A wet spring started fast and rapid growth was met with average summer temperatures, which slowed development and reduced yields. The result was a moderate crop of well-concentrated fruit that ripened fully and slowly before an early harvest.

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.

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