



ESTD 1872

LONG MEADOW RANCH  
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY



## 2018 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:** 598

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

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"This barrel select blend is a showcase of the best blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon from our Mayacamas Estate ranch. Elegant and ageworthy, the E.J. Church has a rich nose of warm Bing cherry, Loganberry, plum, and cocoa. Finer layers of green tobacco leaf, sweet French oak, and a powdery minerality are found on the palate and carried by the natural acidity and delicately structured tannins that I love in our mountain block fruit."

– Justin Carr

### GROWING SEASON:

The growing season was marked by a wet spring, resulting in extended flowering in some areas throughout the valley. The early summer was cool and mild allowing gradual ripening and acid development. Winemakers had to wait, watch and let berry chemistry and flavors come into balance before starting a relatively late 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.