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LONG MEADOW RANCH
WINERY

NAPA VALLEY



2019 MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Estate grown at our Mayacamas & Rutherford Estates

VARIETAL: 100% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

MATURATION: Aged in 25% new French oak

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

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

“This lovely blend of fruit from our two Napa Valley estates continues to highlight the caliber of Merlot that can be grown in the heart of the appellation. The nose is abundant with fresh red cherry, cranberry, raspberry jam and a very light hint of star anise. Those beautiful red fruits transition to subtle notes of fresh plum, graphite and light cocoa on the palate. Lush acidity and long round tannins carry this food friendly wine to a gentle but memorable finish.” – 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.