



2005 Larkmead Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

The first Larkmead Estate Cabernet to have been crushed and crafted at the new Larkmead Vineyards Winery at 1100 Larkmead Lane.

Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.7%

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Aged for 20 months in 60% new French oak barrels

from Tonnelleries Darnajou, Demptos & Sylvain

4,498 cases produced

“Deep ruby red/purple color. Intense aromatics of sweet black cherry, cassis and violets broaden to show floral perfume notes, dark cocoa powder and complex minerals. The palate features an explosive core of sweet black fruits and an elegant yet luscious mouth feel which deepens and concentrates with aeration. The youthful chewy tannins provide balance and length and the wine finishes with great inner-mouth purity.

A classic, elegant vintage in a similar vein to our 2001 Estate Cabernet, the wine features a complex array of cool climate aromas and flavors as befits this long cool growing season. The overriding sense of sleek minerality and ‘Larkmead purity’ provide an element of finesse and approachability that is currently hard to resist, yet all the components are present for a decade of positive bottle-development.”

-Winemaker Andy Smith

Robert Parker Wine Advocate 90 POINTS

“The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate exhibits a deep ruby/purple color, a sweet nose of floral-infused black currants and cherries, some smoke and graphite notes, outstanding density, ripeness, and overall harmony. Still backward and austere in the finish, this is a Medoc look-alike that should drink handsomely between 2010 and 2020+.” 12-28-07, Issue 174.

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