



Larkmead Vineyards 2000 Firebelle Napa Valley \$26

Lillie Hitchcock Coit was a legendary figure in early San Francisco life. Celebrated as “Firebelle Lil”, she financed the construction of the City’s landmark Coit Tower, demonstrating her lifelong regard for San Francisco’s firemen. In the late 1800s she built a home in the Napa Valley, north of St. Helena, naming it Larkmead for the many larks there. As historical Larkmead Vineyards enters its third century of grape growing, we have created “Firebelle”, a blend of estate-grown Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, to commemorate the pioneering spirit and sense of adventure Firebelle Lil brought to early California life.

710 cases produced
100% Estate Grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards
56% old vine Merlot & 44% Cabernet Sauvignon
Aged in 40% new French and American oak barrels for 16 months.
Alcohol 14.1%

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:

Dense, opaque ruby colored; a complex, earthy and nuanced nose of black cherry, smoke and spice, broadens to plum and black raspberry, with notes of dried herbs and minerals. The palate is juicy and vibrant on the entry with flavors of sweet mulberry and plum then darkens to show layers of vineyard-driven complexity with flavors of licorice and anise offset by subtle cedar notes. The mid-palate is broad yet structured and soft tannins extend and lengthen the finish. The wine will continue to develop complexity over the next 5 years.

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