

Larkmead
VINEYARDS



**Larkmead Vineyards 2001
Cabernet Sauvignon
Solari Reserve Napa Valley**
144 cases produced

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards
100% Cabernet Sauvignon Old Vines

Aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

Tasting notes from March 2004
Alcohol 14.5%

Our first Reserve bottling comes from the oldest vines on the Estate, which produce the smallest, most concentrated fruit and richest, most structured wine. A fully saturated purple color hints at the concentration that is to follow. Aromas of intense black cherry, creamy black raspberry, smoke and cedar lead to a palate that is dense and striking in its complexity. The signature Larkmead fruit core of crème de cassis liqueur is complemented by bittersweet chocolate, roasted meat, graphite and sweet vanilla. The wine's broad, weighty texture is buffered by penetrating tannins and an extended, succulent finish. This powerhouse of a wine will improve for 7 years as the wine's dense fruit core sinks further into the wine, increasing complexity and persistence in the finish. Decant for an hour in its youth to allow the full range of flavors to shine and drink over the next 15 years.