

*Larkmead*  
VINEYARDS



**Larkmead Vineyards 2001  
Merlot Napa Valley**

758 cases produced

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

78% Merlot

22% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aged in 55% new French oak barrels for 18 months

Tasting notes from March 2004

Alcohol 14.5%

A deep ruby, purple color leads to aromas of sweet red and black currants, mocha and charcoal. The palate is dense and powerful with sweet black cherry, cassis and minerals. A textured mid-palate and mouthcoating rich tannins provide structure and length. Our finest Merlot to date, the concentration of the wine is apparent in its dense, earthy character, a product of extremely low yields and fully mature fruit. The Cabernet component adds dark chocolate, cassis and structure to the Merlot's lush sweetness and broad texture. Decant for an hour in its youth to experience the wine's full range of flavors. This large-scaled wine will improve for 4 to 5 years in bottle and hold for a decade.