



## Larkmead 2002 Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

In February of 2002 Robert Parker said, “Consumers are now beginning to see the full potential of this vineyard.” Followers of Larkmead already know that we are, “hitting our stride after the first 100 years.” Andy Smith did a wonderful job with the 2002 fruit and Manuel Rios continues to keep up the quality in the vineyard. The 2002 Larkmead Cabernet Sauvignon is gorgeous and will “**have huge crowd appeal**” (R.P.)

### Notes:

100% Estate grown fruit.  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon.  
Aged 20 months in 60% new French oak barrels.  
Alcohol 14.8%

“Our 2002 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon shows a dense purple color, which leads to bold and intense aromas of ripe blackcurrant, spicy licorice, black tea leaves and smoke. **The palate is immediately rich and dense but remains light on its feet due to the wine’s inherent vineyard-driven minerality.** A deep pure core of fresh black fruit dominates with secondary flavors of graphite and dark chocolate. The tannin structure is broad and lush and the vintage-derived ripeness creates a layered texture with plenty of fresh acidity to pick up and extend the finish.

Decant for an hour in its youth to experience the wine’s full range of flavors. This large-scaled wine will further concentrate for 4 to 5 years in bottle and hold for a decade.” **Andy Smith - Winemaker**

### **Robert Parker Wine Advocate 93 POINTS**

*“Performing even better from bottle than it did from cask. It is a sexy, supple Cabernet offering a dense saturated purple color, and a big, full bodied, heady bouquet of black fruits, melted licorice, and smoke. **This fleshy, hedonistic Cabernet Sauvignon will have huge crowd appeal, and should fare well in blind tastings. Enjoy it over the next 10-15 years.**”*

### **James Laube Wine Spectator 92 POINTS**

*“A delightfully rich and complex young cabernet, with tiers of ripe currant, black cherry, plum and hints of mocha and chocolate, showing a touch of sweet fruit on the finish and finishing with firm ripe tannins. Drink now through 2012.”*

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