



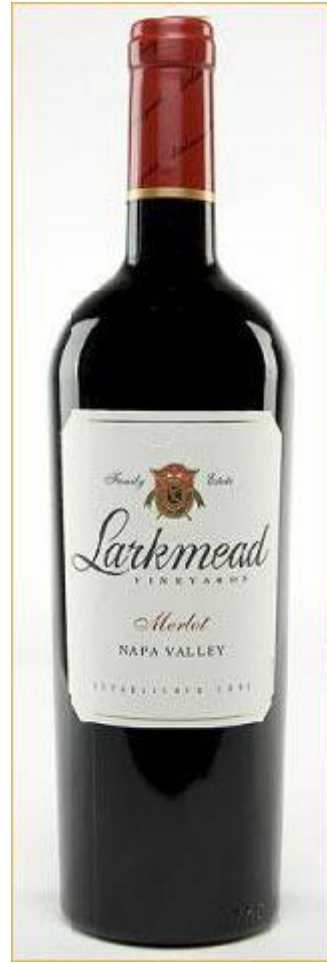
## Larkmead Vineyards 2002 Napa Valley Merlot

### Winemaker Notes:

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards  
78% Merlot  
12% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Cabernet Franc  
4% Petit Verdot  
Aged in 55% new French oak barrels for 18 months  
1,122 cases produced

“Our 2002 Estate Merlot has a dark ruby red color, which leads to powerful aromas of black cherry, liquorice, charcoal and violet. Sweet dark fruit dominates the palate with complex notes graphite, roasted meat and a stony mineral quality. The mid-palate is dense, chewy and is supported by powerful and assertive mouth-coating tannins and solid acidity, which extend the wine’s length creating a sense of balance and integration.

The product of a dream growing season and low cropping mature vines, this is unquestionably our finest Merlot to date. The addition of small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot elevates the aromatics and brings a sense of elegance to the wine’s 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.” **AndySmith - Winemaker**



### **Robert Parker: 92 POINTS**

*"The 2002 Merlot Estate, a blend of 78% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, possesses superb density along with gorgeous sweet black cherry and currant fruit, and a full-bodied, pure, opulent personality with more character than is possessed by most California Merlot."*

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