

# Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

## 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Larkmead's gravelly, river basin vineyard blocks provide the ideal conditions for producing low-yielding, high-quality cabernet fruit. The 2003 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is an excellent successor to the immensely popular 2002 vintage. Winemaker, Andy Smith, said that although the 'tannic structure is similar to the '02', the '03 cabernet is 'purer and more precise.'

Deep ruby red/purple color. The intensely aromatic nose features sweet raspberry, cassis, kirsch and floral aromas of great purity. Vineyard-derived notes of black tea, graphite and a slight menthol edge add complexity and intrigue. The palate closely follows the aromatic profile with a dense core of opulent black fruit along with stony minerality, dark chocolate and cocoa notes. Initially the wine's structure is tight with great spicy/peppery length, but with air, the sweet tannin profile unfolds to reveal a juicy fruit-filled finish. This beautifully balanced wine will further concentrate for 3 to 4 years in bottle and hold for a decade

- ANDY SMITH, WINEMAKER

*The inky ruby/purple-tinged 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate offers a sweet nose of licorice, black currants, charcoal, and subtle spicy oak. Lovely fruit on the attack is followed by scorched earth-like notes reminiscent of a top-class Graves from Bordeaux. Full-bodied, elegant and rich, with low acidity and ripe tannin, it has 12-15 years of upside potential.*

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PRODUCTION:  
3,523 Cases

FRUIT:  
100% Estate grown fruit, produced and bottled at  
Larkmead Vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc,  
3% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

AGING:  
Aged for 20 months in 60% new medium toast  
French oak barrels

COOPERAGES:  
Tonnelleries Sylvain & Demptos

