



Larkmead 2004 Napa Valley Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Our favorite estate Cabernet to date, the new vintage comes from a growing season that featured a cool summer which increased aromatic complexity, followed by intense heat at harvest to fully mature and sweeten the Cabernet's abundant tannins. The 2004 blend features the fruit intensity and textural elements of the hugely popular 2002 with the structure of the 1999.

Winemaker Notes:

100% Estate grown fruit

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

Aged 20 months in 55% new French oak barrels

Alcohol 14.7%

3,900 cases produced

"Bright ruby/purple. Intensely aromatic nose of sweet black cherry, dusty cocoa and a rich core of dark smoky fruits. Dark black fruits dominate the palate with cassis, blackberry and black raspberry. Typical Larkmead nuances of stony minerality, graphite and spice are supported by perfectly ripe, seductive tannins which glide across the palate creating a sense of seamless integration. A note of creamy mocha adds richness to round out the finish.

Approachable early due to the level of natural fruit sweetness, the wine should age well for a decade and beyond. Decant for an hour in its youth to experience the wine's full range of flavors. This large-scaled wine will further concentrate for 5 years in bottle and hold for a decade or more."

Andy Smith - Winemaker

Robert Parker Wine Advocate 93 POINTS

"The stunning 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate... reveals a Pauillac-like crème de cassis note interwoven with notions of charcoal, incense, scorched earth, and graphite. Powerful, full-bodied, and opulent, it is a rich, elegant, pure Cabernet with layers of fruit. It can be enjoyed over the next 15+ years."



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