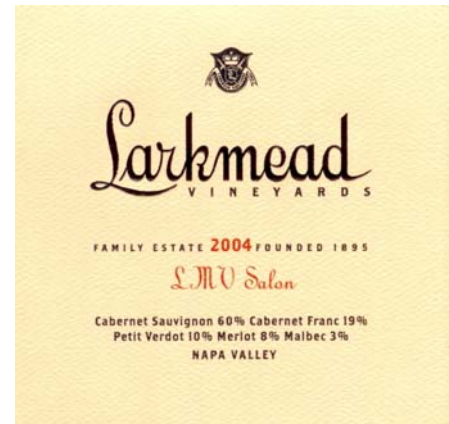




2004 Larkmead Vineyards LMV Salon, Napa Valley

Our 2004 LMV Salon release is clearly among the finest wines yet bottled from our historic estate and builds upon the excellent inaugural release with the addition of a powerful vintage-driven element of concentration and vibrancy. Strongly representative of the wonderful 2004 growing season, this wine is the fullest expression that the estate's soils, varieties and microclimates can offer. Harvest commenced after a period of intense heat in early September making it the earliest start on record. At crush the fruit was fully mature and bursting with flavor and aromatic complexity.

The dominant Cabernet component steers the wine to a concentrated dark fruited style while Cabernet Franc adds strong floral aromatics of violet and blue fruits. The high percentage of Petit Verdot, co-fermented with Cabernet, provides aromatic nuance and backbone while Merlot flushes out the mid-palate and Malbec lends subtle dark spice to the lingering finish. The blend is one of harmony and substance that has the richness of fruit to drink well on release, but also the inherent tannin structure to age positively for a decade or more.



Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.7%

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot & 3% Malbec Aged in 60% new French oak barrels for 20 months

594 cases produced

“Bright ruby/purple. Explosively aromatic high notes of wild berries and violet with a smoky-mocha edge. The palate is powerfully rich yet supple and lively and features saturated cassis and blackberry fruit with the classic gravel-mineral-graphite character of the vineyard. The broad voluptuous tannins are completely integrated with the fruit and allow the wine to progress gracefully along the palate and finish with a hint of developing truffle complexity and sweet tobacco. Decant for an hour in its youth to experience the wine's full range of flavors.” **-Winemaker Andy Smith**

Robert Parker Wine Advocate 94 POINTS

“...the 2004 LMV Salon is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, and 11% Merlot. Its dense purple color is followed by an extraordinary perfume of sweet black fruits intermixed with smoke, licorice, roasted herbs, espresso, and white chocolate.”

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