



## 2004 Larkmead Vineyards Solari Reserve, Napa Valley

The 2004 Solari Cabernet is one of the most dramatic wines we have yet produced and a powerhouse of dark fruit and deep extract that strongly reflects this superb vintage. Most similar to the 2002 Solari in weight and texture, the wine highlights the vineyard's ability to produce wines which blend concentration and elegance and adds an extra layer of intensity to the 2004 Estate Cabernet. Sourced from our oldest and lowest yielding vines, the addition of a sizeable amount of spicy, aromatic Petit Verdot really punches up the intensity of the wine to uncommon heights.



### Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.7%

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot

Aged in 70% new French oak barrels for 20 months

376 cases produced

“Dense purple color. Highly integrated aromas of ripe black fruits, chocolate truffle and cedar with a smoky graphite edge. The palate explodes with layers of ripe cassis and blackberry fruit, cocoa and typical Larkmead stony minerality. The tannins are dense, chewy and sweet and provide focus to the long penetrating finish. This represents the essence of Larkmead Cabernet in its striking combination of floral aromatics and ripe fruit purity. 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 an additional decade.”

*-Winemaker Andy Smith*

### **Robert Parker Wine Advocate 95 POINTS**

*“...the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve is a 400-case cuvée boasting fabulous power as well as elegance. Its inky/blue/purple color is followed by sumptuous aromas of acacia flowers, blackberries, cassis, melted licorice, and lead pencil shaving. Super-rich, full-bodied, powerful, and loaded, this stunning Cabernet exhibits the vineyard’s grand cru character.”*

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