



2005 Larkmead Vineyards Solari, Napa Valley

The 2005 Solari represents the 5th vintage produced of this wine, traditionally sourced from the oldest and lowest yielding vines grown on the property.

Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.7%

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

Aged in 66% new French oak barrels for 20 months

“Deep ruby/purple color. Powerfully intense aromas of blackberry, sweet mint and sage rounded out by dusty cocoa and the vineyard’s signature profile of wet rocks/gravel.

Rich black fruits dominate the palate with cassis and blackberry leading to a textured, voluptuous mid palate and then rich, broad enveloping tannins. The wine finishes long with a burst of dark cherry sweetness.

Showing plenty of cool season character, the 2005 Solari should gain complexity in bottle for 6 to 8 years post-vintage and drink well up to 2017. I suggest drinking this vintage prior to the more rugged 2004 and 2006 bottlings.”

Winemaker Andy Smith

Robert Parker - 94 POINTS, *Wine Advocate*, 12-28-07, Issue 174

"The prodigious 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve is a gorgeous wine. This 2005 has a dense purple color and a glorious nose of graphite, creme de cassis, tar, and hints of spicy, subtle toast. The wine is dense, medium to full-bodied, with impressive purity, texture, and length (45-50 second for sure). This is a beauty of elegance and substance that should be at its best between 2012 and 2030."

