



## 2006 Larkmead Vineyards LMV Salon, Napa Valley

### Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.5%

100% Estate grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyards

62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cab Franc, 11% Merlot, 11% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

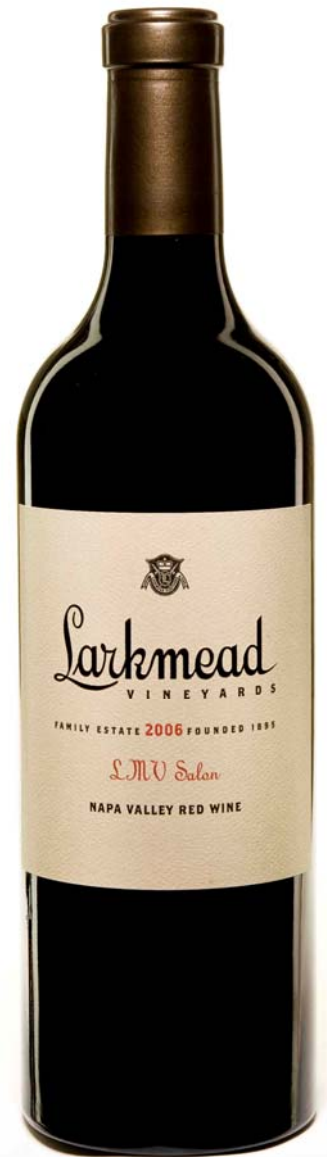
Aged for 20 months in 70% new French oak barrels from Tonnelleries Demptos, Ermitage & Sylvain

795 cases produced

“Deep ruby red/purple color. Intensely perfumed nose of vibrant red fruits, fresh flowers and tobacco deepen to dark cherry, licorice and gravel/slate notes. The palate is unmistakably Larkmead with deep penetrating black fruits, cocoa powder and dried herbs. There is great texture and flesh to the wine yet it remains supple and lively without any plummy over ripeness or excess weight. It finishes long, broad and round with an inner mouth aromatic character that is both complex and vibrant and hugely satisfying.

One of the finest wines we have yet bottled, the 2006 LMV Salon sets a new standard for this blend. The individual components of the wine are so perfectly integrated that the wine shows a ‘completeness’ and harmony that is hard to achieve but which is our continual goal. Drinking this wine I don’t think of Cabernet, Franc or Merlot, etc, but of Larkmead itself as the vineyard’s signature is so strong it dominates the aromas, flavors and structure. I particularly like the intense purity of the wine and the way its inherent power does not overwhelm the more subtle components but merges with them to produce something that is exciting and gains nuance as the bottle mysteriously empties itself. The wine should evolve positively in bottle for 10 to 15 years given its overall balance and intensity.”

*-Winemaker Andy Smith*



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

“Equally prodigious are the 800 cases of 2006 LMV Salon Proprietary Red, a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, and the rest the other three Bordeaux varietals (Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot). Spicy, chocolatey espresso roast notes intermixed with spring flowers and a hint of bay leaf are followed by a full-bodied wine with oodles of black currant and cherry fruit. The sweetness of the tannins, the breadth and savory mouthfeel, as well as the layered texture, make for an exceptional glass of sumptuous wine. It should drink nicely for 15+ years.” 12-31-08, Issue 180.

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