

2006 Larkmead Vineyards Solari Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.5%

100% Estate grown fruit produced and bottled at Larkmead Vineyards

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Aged for 20 months in 78% new French oak barrels from Tonnelleries Demptos & Sylvain

823 cases produced.

“Deep ruby red/purple color. Magnificent and multi-faceted aromatic profile which is at once deep, dark and brooding and then lively, poised and elegant. Dark cassis, kirsch, lead pencil, spice box and smoke combine to offer evolving complexity and intrigue. The palate shows uncommon and complete integration of fruit, vineyard, oak and structural elements so that no single component dominates. Crème de Cassis, blackberry liqueur and stony minerality merge with Asian spice, cedar and dried herb elements. The aromatic intensity and length of flavor are telltale signs of the long cool growing season Larkmead enjoyed this vintage. This slow steady ripening has elongated the wine’s palate to offer great concentration and power which critically never veers to the clumsy or overbearing, retaining elegance and precision throughout. Prominent acidity combines with rich, broad tannins on the finish to offer aging potential of fifteen years minimum.

The 2006 Solari is unquestionably our finest effort yet and offers the greatest potential of any of the wines we’ve grown to date to increase in aromatic and structural complexity with cellaring.”

-Winemaker Andy Smith



Robert Parker Wine Advocate 96 POINTS

"Absolutely brilliant, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee has gorgeous notes of cedar wood, crème de cassis, creosote, and forest floor in its fragrant, full-bodied, velvety textured, opulent style. It must be considered in the running as a candidate for wine of the vintage in Napa. Just sensational stuff, this wine should drink well for at least 20-30+ years." 12-31-08, Issue 180.

