

# Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

## 2007 FIREBELLE

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Good deep ruby red color. Broad spectrum of perfectly integrated aromas: initially vibrant cola, which darkens to black cherry, then expands to cassis and cocoa with the faintest suggestion of fresh mint - all underpinned by signature Larkmead graphite minerality. The flavors follow the aromatic profile on a palate that is vibrant and intense, broad and densely textured yet retains an element of subtlety and nuance. Ripe yet firm tannins and measured acidity bring balance and length to a full-bodied, layered finish.

On the heels of our 2007 estate Cabernet release, comes the new vintage of Firebelle and what a beauty it is. Packed with unmistakable Larkmead character, it is a wine to enjoy on release or cellar for up to ten years. The pedigree of the 2007 vintage dominates the wine from the first swirl - this is our finest Firebelle effort yet and a wine which combines a classic vineyard profile with subtle winemaking influences... the combination is delicious. We will be enjoying this wine for many years to come

- ANDY SMITH, WINEMAKER

*The dense purple-colored 2007 Firebelle offers abundant aromas of mocha, black cherries, black currants, mocha, coffee, and a subtle hint of herbs. This superbly textured, full-bodied, opulent red is already delicious, and promises to evolve for 15+ years.*

- 93 POINTS, ROBERT PARKER, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*, ISSUE 186, 12-23-09



PRODUCTION:  
1,525 Cases

FRUIT:  
100% Estate grown fruit, produced and bottled at  
Larkmead Vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
62% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon &  
9% Malbec

AGING:  
Aged for 17 months in 52% new French oak  
barrels

COOPERAGES:  
Tonnelleries Bossuet & Ermitage

