

Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER  ESTABLISHED 1895

2007 Larkmead Vineyards Firebelle, Napa Valley

Winemaker Notes:

Alcohol 14.5%

100% Estate grown fruit produced and bottled at Larkmead Vineyards

62% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, & 9% Malbec

Aged for 17 months in 52% new French oak barrels
from Tonnelleries Bossuet & Ermitage

1,525 cases produced.

“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.”

-Winemaker Andy Smith



Robert Parker Wine Advocate 93 POINTS

"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." 12-23-09, Issue 186.

