



Larkmead Vineyards Information Sheet

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Owners: Cam & Kate Solari Baker **Winemaker:** Andy Smith **Winery Mgr:** Colin MacPhail

Larkmead Vineyards History

1875 - Lillie 'Firebelle' Hitchcock Coit names her home 'Larkmead'. Donates funds to build Coit Tower in S.F. **1885** - In 1885 the St. Helena Star makes the first reference to a small wooden winery as "Larkmead Cellar." **1906** - The original stone Larkmead building was constructed for Battista Salmina in 1906.

1937 - In 1937 Larkmead offered varietal wines including a Cabernet and Zinfandel that took two "firsts" at the State Fair and in the same year received a diplome d'honneur along with Beringer and Inglenook at The Paris Exposition.

1943 - The Napa Valley Vintners Association was formed in 1943 by 7 wineries. Louis Martini, Beaulieu, Inglenook, Mondavi, Napa Valley Co-op, Napa Wine Co. and Larkmead. (There are now well over 200 active members).

1948 - Kate Baker's father Larry Solari buys Larkmead, keeps vineyards but later sells the old stone winery for health reasons.

1990's - Paul Hobbs makes Larkmead wines with Andy Smith. Andy becomes Larkmead winemaker. 2008 will be his 10th harvest with us.

2006 - Exactly 100 years after the first Larkmead is constructed a new Larkmead winery is completed.



Also: From Bottled Poetry by James T Lapsley: *Andre Tcheistcheff who arrived in Napa in 1938 recalled four "outstanding" wineries "Inglenook, Beaulieu, Larkmead and Beringer." Robert Mondavi was, "tremendously impressed by what I call the big four of the California wine industry, Inglenook, B.V., Beringer Brothers and Larkmead."*

Larkmead Varietals - Larkmead has approximately 120 acres in vines of which Cabernet is 70%, Merlot is 14% and the rest in Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Zinfandel, and some 100 year old Tocai Friulano.

Who are Larkmead Vineyards? - As growers we have contracts with some well known vintners. Cakebread, Merryvale, Duckhorn, and Chaim (Covenant) amongst others. All our wines are 100% estate grown.

Recent Scores - Mr. Robert Parker notes that, "consumers are beginning to see the full potential of this vineyard" and that winemaker Andy Smith is "in full charge of the wines."

2004 Larkmead Firebelle "elegant, pure and rich" 91pts

2004 Larkmead Cabernet "powerful, full bodied and opulent" 93pts

2004 Larkmead LMV Salon "extraordinary perfume, deep, and soft" 94pts

2005 Larkmead Firebelle "Bordeaux-like personality, excellent ripeness, this is a beauty" 91pts

2005 Larkmead Cabernet "outstanding density, ripeness, and overall harmony" 90pts

2006 Larkmead Sauvignon Blanc "classic Sauvignon notes, surprising intensity and length" 90pts

