



Long Meadow Ranch Winery

2008 E.J. CHURCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

This reserve wine takes its name from E.J. Church, Long Meadow Ranch's pioneering settler who acquired the property via a patent grant from President Ulysses S. Grant in 1872. We have replanted the southwest-facing vineyards which E.J. Church established in the 1870's. These mountain grown grapes, planted at 1300 feet elevation, develop deep fruit flavors and ripe tannins which are handcrafted into an elegant, balanced wine.

Growing Season: The 2008 harvest was a year of extremes. We entered the season with a 30 percent reduction of annual rainfall and frosty conditions through March and April. The summer continued to be cooler than average, with erratic temperatures through our Indian summer, resulting in low yields from small clusters and small grapes at moderate sugars. But, the cool weather also extended harvest which gave us longer hang time to produce high quality red wines with great balance and flavors.

Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 13.5 percent

Cooperage: Aged in new and used (50/50) French oak by Seguin Moreau and Taransaud for 22 months. Medium Plus Toast.

Case Production: 144 cases

Food Affinities: Perfect with LMR grass-fed Highland beef, with lamb, or with roasted game.

Winemaker's Comments: "The 2008 vintage expresses the personality of the early growing season and the full potential of optimal fruit maturity. The EJ Church Cabernet Sauvignon possesses exceptional power, fruit concentration and age worthy youthfulness. The nose has layers of intense fruit (black cherry and dried plums), cocoa powder/mocha, anise and cedar. The impressions on the palate are a mix of vibrant fruit, mouth filling tannins and beautiful structure. The harmony between the richness of the fruit and perfect balance of the acidity lingers through the long finish. You may enjoy the wine's youthful richness upon release or discover more layers of interest as the wine ages in your cellar, or both."
-Ashley Heisey

Long Meadow Ranch: Owned by Ted, Laddie & Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated organic farming system using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by the California Certified Organic Farmers and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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