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LONG MEADOW RANCH

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

MATURATION: 6 months in 20% new French oak, 80% neutral French oak

FOOD AFFINITIES: Grass-fed beef, lamb, or roasted game

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS:

"Black cherry, cassis, violets, spice and mint with subtle vanilla and barrel toast on the nose. Bright and lively with sweet red berry fruit on the front palate, red cherry acid and a subtle tannins structure in the mid palate and a touch of sweet barrel toast on the finish. This wine rewards cellaring for up to 10 years."

— Tim Wilson

GROWING SEASON:

The 2018 growing season was marked by a wet spring, resulting in extended flowering in some areas throughout the valley. The early summer was cool and mild allowing gradual ripening and acid development. Winemakers had to wait, watch and let berry chemistry and flavors come into balance before starting a relatively late harvest.

LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and 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 California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.

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