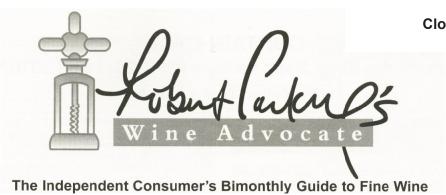
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LARKMEAD						
LARKMEAD	2015	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	NAPA VALLEY	\$125.00	RED	93
LARKMEAD	2015	FIREBELLE PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA VALLEY	\$175.00	RED	91+
LARKMEAD	2015	LMV SALON PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA VALLEY	\$200.00	RED	94+
LARKMEAD	2015	CABERNET SAUVIGNON DR. OLMO	NAPA VALLEY	\$175.00	RED	94+
LARKMEAD	2015	CABERNET SAUVIGNON SOLARI	NAPA VALLEY	\$225.00	RED	93+
LARKMEAD	2015	THE LARK PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA VALLEY	\$350.00	RED	95

Larkmead's deep garnet-purple colored **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon** shows a meaty/earthy nose of charcuterie, underbrush, damp soil and mossy bark with a core of cassis, black plums and espresso. Concentrated and rich in the full-bodied mouth, the tannins are firm and chewy, and it finishes with great length and depth. Drink date: 2017-2033.

A blend of 71% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Petit Verdot, the **2015 Firebelle Proprietary Red** opens with a deep garnet-purple color and baked plums, peppered salami and black forest cakescented nose with dried herbs and tilled soil nuances. The medium to full-bodied palate is firm, chewy and muscular with earthy suggestions, just lacking a little expressiveness and depth at this stage. Drink date 2018-2030.

Composed of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored **2015 LMV Salon Proprietary Red** has an earthy, meaty, gamy nose with a crème de cassis and preserved plums core backed up by Christmas cake and new leather with a medicinal waft. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated on the palate, with firm, chewy tannins and a good core of fruit, it's just a bit astringent and closed at this youthful stage. Drink date: 2019-2035.

The deep garnet-purple colored **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Dr. Olmo (Black Label)** is scented of cedar, rose, dusty earth and incense over a core of warm red and black currants, blackberry compote and anise plus a touch of Mediterranean herbs. Medium to full-bodied and very firm, taut and muscular in the mouth, there is loads going on here, but this needs time! Give it 3-4 years at least, and drink it over the next 15+. Drink date: 2020-2036.

The **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari** displays an opaque purpleblack color with an intense mocha, baked blackcurrants and stewed plums nose plus hints of sautéed herbs, underbrush and tapenade. Full-bodied, concentrated and very firm in the mouth, it offers great ripeness and plenty of power but is just a little chewy and lacking that next-level finesse. Drink date: 2017-2032. Displaying a deep purple-black color, the **2015 Cabernet Sauvignon The Lark** offers a fragrant cassis, crushed cherries and blueberriesscented nose with touches of menthol, chocolate box, char-grilled meat,
earth and violets. Rich and concentrated on the medium to full-bodied
palate, with firm, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, it finishes long
with a minty lift. Drink date: 2017-2036.