

Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Deep ruby red. Ripe black fruits dominate the aroma - cassis, blackberry and dark cherry with floral violet, dark spicy soy and classic mint notes. Supple red fruits open the palate then a solid dense core of mixed black fruit and peripheral plum and kirsch flavors. With aeration the gravelly Larkmead character emerges competing for attention with further layers of chewy opulent dark fruit. Broad and densely-structured tannins provide grip and dimension to the back end. Nice fresh lift and persistency to the finish.

Our new release 2009 Estate Cabernet is a dynamic fruit-filled wine that will naturally seduce. The cool 2009 summer growing conditions really drive the wine's elevated fruit profile while the vineyard's low crop level ensures that this fruit has great natural density and concentration, but never at the expense of freshness and vibrancy.

More fruit-driven than its 2008 predecessor, there's plenty of striking Larkmead character evident, but at this early stage it's partially buried under these waves of irresistible supple fruit, such is the 2009 vintage signature. With two to four years of bottle development, I'd expect the full vineyard character to assert itself as we've seen with our 2007 Cabernet, to which this new release is most comparable. Don't be afraid to tuck a few bottles away for ten to twelve years' cellaring as this vintage has all the ingredients to mature beautifully in bottle.

- ANDY SMITH, WINEMAKER

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon bursts from the glass with a rush of black fruit, smoke, licorice, graphite and tar. All the elements flow together gracefully towards the big, fleshy finish. There is plenty of tannin to support the fruit, suggesting the wine will drink well for a number of years. I especially like the way the wine keeps growing in the glass. This is one of the firmer, more vibrant 2009s readers will come across. Simply put, it is fabulous.

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PRODUCTION:
2,795 Cases

FRUIT:
100% Estate grown fruit, produced and bottled at
Larkmead Vineyards

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot
& 8% Cabernet Franc

AGING:
Aged for 17 months in 60% new medium toast
French oak barrels

COOPERAGES:
Tonnelleries Ermitage, Demptos & Sylvain

