

The Napa Valley Wine Press: Larkmead to celebrate 75th anniversary

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Larkmead Vineyards celebrates its 75th anniversary this month. From left, Cam Baker, Kate Solari Baker, and Kate's mother and father, Larry and Polly Solari, owner's of Larkmead Vineyards. circa 1962.

Larkmead Vineyards, based in Calistoga, will host a 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 14. "I am pleased to announce our achievement of 75 years of Solari family ownership of Larkmead Vineyards," said Kate Solari Baker, Larkmead Vineyards president, in a news release. "We have been very fortunate that my parents, Larry and Polly Solari, had the vision and foresight to buy Larkmead in 1948."

Larkmead Vineyards was a founding member of the Napa Valley Vintners Association. Bruno "Larry" Solari was a leading executive in the nascent California wine industry, along with his close friends the Martinis, the Mondavis, and the Gallos.

The 75th Anniversary Party will be hosted at Larkmead Vineyards, 1100 Larkmead Lane Calistoga, from 2-6 p.m. The day will be commemorated by a California State Senate Resolution authored by Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, which will be on display at the winery.

"It is a pleasure to recognize Larkmead Vineyards, which is one of Napa's oldest and most distinguished estates," Dodd said in a statement. "A special congratulations to the entire Solari family and the memories of Polly and Larry Solari. This is also a moment of appreciation for what Kate and Cam Baker accomplished over the last three decades." For more information, visit larkmead.com.