

March Editor's Top Pick

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Larkmead Vineyards

Woman-owned and stewarded by Proprietor Kate Solari Baker, Larkmead Vineyards represents one of Napa Valley's most enduring legacies of female leadership. Today, Baker guides the historic Calistoga estate alongside Winemaker Avery Heelan, whose scientific precision and site-driven philosophy shape each vintage. Crafted from 100% estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon and aged 22 months in French oak, the 2023 Estate Cabernet reflects the remarkable mosaic of gravel and loam soils across the 115-acre vineyard. Aromas of deep plum and cassis unfold into graphite, cedar, and dried rose, framed by fine-grained tannins and poised structure. CCOF-certified organic and Napa Green Gold, the wine embodies Larkmead's commitment to stewardship, innovation, and excellence—demonstrating how visionary female leadership continues to shape the future of Napa Valley Cabernet.

