

Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER NOTES:

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with an alluring and unmistakable “Larkmead” bouquet. Aromas of deep, blue plum skins and black currants are accentuated with purple flowers and red licorice. There is a hint of spice in the wine that is coupled with dried herbs that add a savory note to the nose. The highlight is the crushed gravel that envelopes the wine; it is the signature of the Larkmead Estate that you find in the aroma and on the finish.

In the mouth, the beauty of the wine is its expansiveness. The wine enters with medium body weight and compact, liqueur-like flavors before building to a broad, long, sweet structure that lingers on the palate well after the wine is gone. The currants, crushed stone and subtle herbs carry the finish.

There is a true Cabernet Sauvignon purity to this wine and an authentic sense of place; in the Larkmead Estate, it translates into balancing intense and pleasurable fruitfulness with a restrained and subtle elegance.

The wines of the 2012 vintage will be heralded as one of our best efforts to date. In tasting our Cabernet Sauvignon lots at all stages of their life – from fermentation to the final months and weeks of barrel aging - the wines have consistently shown a style and class that may only be rivaled by the 2007 vintage.

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is drinkable upon release but will age impeccably over the next decade and should be considered a wine to cellar beyond 10 years.

“The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is a dead-ringer for a first or second growth Pauillac. Aromas of spring flowers, creme de cassis, licorice, cedarwood and lead pencil shavings are followed by a wine with that wonderful sweet fruit that the French call sucrosite, which is an impression of sweetness even though the wine is totally dry. A superb texture, stunning purity and a full-bodied, blockbuster finish make for a wine that should be reasonably drinkable when released next year. It should agegenically for 20-25 years.”

~ ROBERT PARKER, (92-95) POINTS, WINE ADVOCATE, 10-31-13, ISSUE 209



PRODUCTION:
4,198 CASES

FRUIT:
100% ESTATE GROWN FRUIT, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED AT LARKMEAD VINEYARDS

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
94% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 6% PETIT VERDOT

AGING:
AGED FOR 18 MONTHS IN 54% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

COOPERAGES:
TONNELLERIES ATELIER, DEMPTOS, ERMITAGE & SYLVAIN

