

Tasting notes from May 2002
Alcohol 14.1%



Larkmead Vineyard 1999 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

1225 cases produced

100% Estate Grown fruit at Larkmead Vineyard

95% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Merlot

Aged in 66% new French oak barrels for 20 months.

Tasting notes:

Dense opaque ruby-purple color; Explosively complex nose of floral violets, kirsch and cassis leads to secondary aromas of roasted coffee, soy and mocha. The palate entry is youthfully tight with flavors of blackberry and black raspberry, kirsch liqueur and asian spices, with a sweet, layered mid-palate, plenty of chewy extract and bold, dense tannins which are absorbed by the richness of the wine. Further complexity will develop over 8 to 12 years as the wine broadens and the tannins soften to fully reveal the wonderful natural fruit sweetness of the vineyard.