

# Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

## 2012 LMV SALON

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

The aromas of this wine exude the synergy of Cabernet Sauvignon and its parent, Cabernet Franc. The vineyard at Larkmead produces Cabernet that shows more red, forest floor fruit and herbal tones than most due to its high percentage of cobble and gravel in its soil. This aroma profile blends beautifully into Cabernet Franc's classic spicy, red licorice, cola and bay leaf notes that in the 2012 vintage are hidden beneath an opulent cloak of dense, sweet fruit and wet tobacco on the nose.

LMV Salon has a balance and a texture that is unique to the Larkmead wines. The micro-climate at Larkmead's northern Napa Valley location lends itself to more powerful wines, but the broad, viscous palate is almost weightless as the fine tannins carry the wine through the finish. The grapes grown for this wine are planted in a combination of Bale loam and gravel soil deposited by the alluvial fans of the Napa River and Selby Creek which add to the finesse of this wine.

Two-thousand twelve vintage portends a string of vintages of LMV Salon that will celebrate the elegance and class of the Larkmead Estate. It is also the first vintage since its inception in 2003 that the wine was bottled as a blend of only two varieties – Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The emphasis and attention to Cabernet Franc during the next decade of evolution of LMV Salon will be incredibly exciting as we believe not only Larkmead is on the precipice of being known for growing great Cabernet Franc, but also this wine will be heralded as a tremendous expression of a Cabernet Franc blend.

There is not a wine more alluring wine in the 2012 line-up to drink now, but if you can resist the temptation and cellar this wine for another 10 years, the results will be utterly brilliant.

*"The fabulous 2012 Proprietary Red LMV Salon is a 1,020-case blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon and 33% Cabernet Franc. It reveals a refined nose of mulberries, blueberries, raspberries, spring flowers and forest floor. A dense, ripe, opulent, medium to full-bodied 2012, I rated it slightly lower than last year from barrel because it seems somewhat closed. Give it another 3-4 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15+ years."*

- 94 Points, Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue 2015, 10-31-14



PRODUCTION:  
1,020 Cases

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

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
67% Cabernet Sauvignon & 33% Cabernet Franc

AGING:  
Aged for 19 months in 66% new  
French oak barrels

COOPERAGES:  
Tonnelleries Bossuet & Ermitage

