

Larkmead

VINEYARDS

VINTNER & GROWER



ESTABLISHED 1895

2007 SOLARI

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Deep ruby red/purple color. Quintessential Larkmead aromas of floral violet, blackcurrant, subtle herb and stony minerals that are initially tight and primary then deepen to kirsch and a suggestion of clove. Supple palate entry with crème de cassis, blackberry, gravel and a complex note of licorice. The wine's dark brooding density becomes apparent with aeration as it broadens and coats the entire palate. Maintains great inner-mouth perfume and liveliness despite its inherent power. Tannins are rich, layered and broad and really drive the wine to a flavor-packed lingering finish with a shot of intense dark cocoa powder and freshening acidity. Decant for an hour in its first couple of years and drink between 2011 & 2025.

One of our finest efforts of recent years, this is a multi-faceted wine that will drink well on release yet has the natural density to age for an extended period. If you prize plush Californian fruit ripeness then you will find much to enjoy in the wine's youthful exuberance. If you're able to squirrel away a few bottles for five to ten years, your rewards will multiply as the wine's vineyard-derived complexity gradually asserts itself. That's the beauty of the 2007 vintage: plenty of lush fruit character but the framework promises longevity and graceful age-ability – all components are in balance. And it's the wine's natural freshness and piercing aromatic character that will ensure that even at ten years of age it will never be too heavy or overbearing.

- ANDY SMITH, WINEMAKER

A wine flirting with perfection, the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve...comes from some of the oldest vines on the estate (25+ years of age and older). This wine is out-and-out profound Cabernet Sauvignon, and anyone who loves the best of what Napa can produce should have this in the back of his mind when it is released in 2010.

- 96+ POINTS, ROBERT PARKER, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*, ISSUE 180, 12-31-08



PRODUCTION:
975 Cases

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

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
90% Cabernet Sauvignon & 10% Petit Verdot

AGING:
Aged for 20 months in 67% new French oak
barrels

COOPERAGES:
Tonnelleries Demptos & Sylvain

