Introduction

Larkmead is one of the oldest estates in Napa, founded in 1895, and one of the very few in California that is a single, contiguous block of vines. It is an unusually special site of 150 acres comprising three distinct soils, and no less than 28 different parcels, each with its own unique terroir.

Winemaker Dan Petroski produces six cuvées, three white labels from blended parcels and three more expensive and limited black labels, from single parcels expressing three unique terroirs. The Autumn release is exclusively black label, which we are delighted to offer today. Alongside the 2014 Solari and Dr Olmo we see the release of 2013 The Lark. It is also the very first time ever that we have been allocated a parcel of back vintages from the estate. These have been kept in perfect conditions in the cellars of the property, and all wines are exclusive to Wine Source in the UK.

New Releases

2014 Larkmead Vineyard Dr Olmo @ £810 In Bond per 6 bottles / 3 magnums

2014 Larkmead Vineyard Solari @ £1,080 In Bond per 6 bottles / 3 magnums

2013 Larkmead Vineyard The Lark @ £POA

Back Vintages

2009 Larkmead Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon @ £750 In Bond per 6 bottles

2006 Larkmead Vineyard Solari @ £1,290 In Bond per 6 bottles

2009 Larkmead Vineyard The Lark @ £POA

New Releases

WINE:
2014 DR. OLMO

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

PRODUCTION:
1,418 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL PROFILE:
CORTINA (GRAVEL)

ALCOHOL:
14.5%

FRENCH OAK AGING:
20 MONTHS, 62% NEW
TONNELLERIE SYLVAIN

2014 Larkmead Vineyard Dr Olmo @ £810 In Bond per 6 bottles / 3 magnums

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Dr. Olmo is holding back quite a bit of its potential. Dark cherry, smoke, licorice, tar and menthol give the Dr. Olmo much of its brooding personality. The tannins are quite firm, but that should be less of an issue as the wine won't be released for about a year. -- Antonio Galloni, score: (92-95) drink: 2019 - 2034

New Releases

WINE:
2014 SOLARI

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

PRODUCTION:
793 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOIL PROFILE:
CORTINA (GRAVEL)
PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

ALCOHOL:
14.9%

FRENCH OAK AGING:
20 MONTHS, 81% NEW
TONNELLERIE DEMPTOS

2014 Larkmead Vineyard Solari @ £1,080 In Bond per 6 bottles / 3 magnums

The 2014 Solari is wonderfully deep, pliant and expressive, but also shows all the restraint of the vintage. Gravel, graphite, menthol, smoke, licorice, herbs and inky blue fruits are front and center. The 2014 possesses striking inner sweetness and fabulous overall balance . Creamy, nuanced and expressive, the 2014 will likely start drinking well with just a few years in bottle. -- Antonio Galloni, score: 95 drink: 2020 - 2034

New Releases

WINE:
2013 THE LARK

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

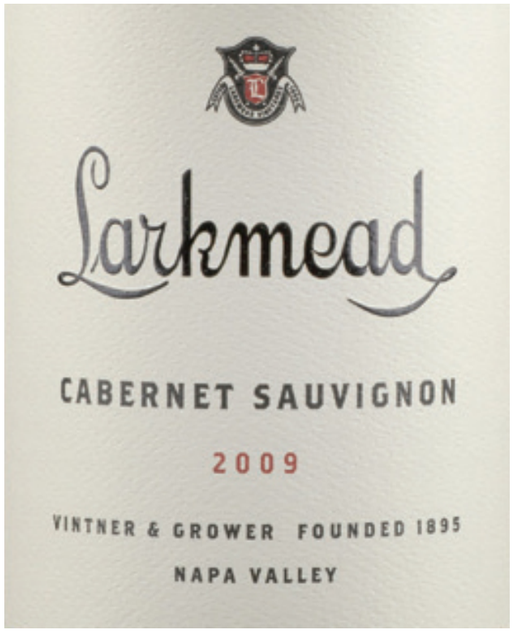
SOIL PROFILE:
BALE LOAM (SAND)

FRENCH OAK AGING:
19 MONTHS, 83% NEW
TONELLERIE SYLVAIN

2013 Larkmead Vineyard The Lark @ £POA

The 2013 Lark is an utterly magnificent, complete wine that brings together power, density and finesse. Graphite, lavender, crushed rocks, cassis, blueberry jam, and mint all blossom in the glass. Savory overtones add freshness and complexity. The Lark shows the pedigree and stunning beauty that is the signature of this great Napa Valley vintage. -- Antonio Galloni, score: (95-98) drink: 2023 - 2043

Back Vintages



WINE:
2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

PRODUCTION:
2,795 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
80% CABARNET SAUVIGNON
12% PETIT VERDOT & 8% CABERNET FRANC

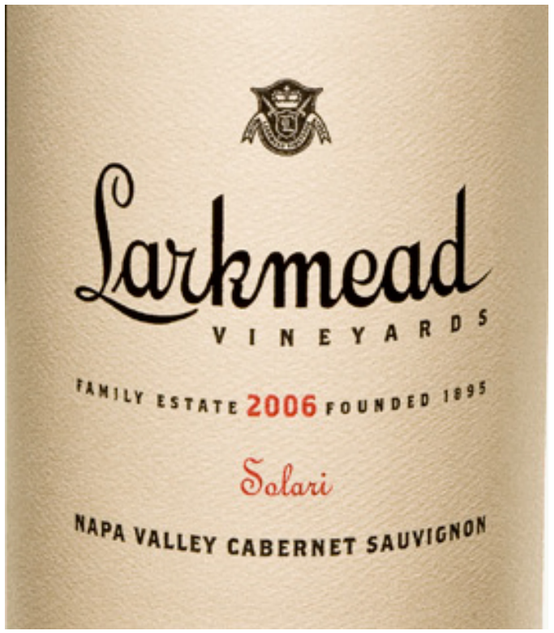
SOIL PROFILE:
CORTINA (GRAVEL)

FRENCH OAK AGING:
AGED FOR 17 MONTHS IN 60%
NEW MEDIUM TOAST FRENCH OAK BARRELS

2009 Larkmead Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon @ £750 In Bond per 6 bottles

Ruby-red. Blackberry, licorice, minerals and chocolate on the nose, plus a whiff of shoe polish. Dense, spicy and nicely delineated, with excellent intensity to the dark cherry and mineral flavors. Firmly structured cabernet with granular tannins and a suggestion of medicinal reserve. This will need at least four or five years of bottle aging. -- Stephen Tanzer, score: 93 (tasted May 2012)

Back Vintages



WINE:
2006 SOLARI

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

PRODUCTION:
823 CASES

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

FRENCH OAK AGING:
AGED FOR 20 MONTHS IN 78% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

2006 Larkmead Vineyard Solari @ £1,290 In Bond per 6 bottles

Absolutely brilliant, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee, the 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Reserve (825 cases) has gorgeous notes of cedar wood, creme de cassis, creosote, and forest floor in its fragrant, full-bodied, velvety textured, opulent style. It must be considered in the running as a candidate for wine of the vintage in Napa. Just sensational stuff, this wine should drink well for at least 20-30+ years. — Robert M. Parker, Jr., score: 96 drink: 2008 - 2038 (tasted Dec 2008)

Back Vintages

WINE:
2009 THE LARK

CLASSIFICATION:
LARKMEAD

PRODUCTION:
FOUR BARRELS, 90 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:
100% ESTATE GROWN FRUIT
PRODUCED & BOTTLED AT
LARKMEAD VINEYARDS

FRENCH OAK AGING:
20 MONTHS
100% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS

2009 Larkmead Vineyard The Lark @ £POA

Just as impressive as it was last year, the 2009 Proprietary Red Wine The Lark is all pencil shavings, graphite, incense and smoke. A deep, beguiling wine, the 2009 stands out for its perfumed aromatics, delineated fruit and phenomenal overall balance. Still powerful and implosive, the 2009 will require patience. It has much less of the early appeal and sheer sexiness of the other 2009s here. -- Antonio Galloni, score: 97 drink: 2019 - 2039 (tasted Dec 2012)