



## INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

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VINTAGE	NAME	TASTING NOTES	SCORE
2017	Solari	<p>The 2017 Solari is another absolutely beautiful wine from Larkmead in this vintage. Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this begins to impress with its gorgeous aromatic profile of fresh red and dark fruits along with fresh flowers, herbs and hints of tobacco that all emerge beautifully from the glass. Displaying wonderful elegance as well as incredible poise and balance, this medium-to full-bodied red is bright, fresh and well-defined, ending with a refined, focused finish. While the 2017 Solari is nothing short of impressive in its youth, it also has the building blocks to age tremendously well for quite some time.</p>	96
2017	LMV Salon	<p>The 2017 LMV Salon is absolutely stunning in this vintage. This blend of 52% Cabernet Franc and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Bale Loam soils of Larkmeads Estate Vineyards, and spent 19 Months in 100% New Tonnellerie Demptos. It opens to striking aromatics of dark cherries and red berries, along with exotic spices, fresh cut flowers, licorice as well as fresh herbs, tobacco and an espresso character that adds wonderful complexity. On the palate this displays incredible elegance, with a medium to full-body that is round and beautifully polished. It continues to impress as it displays excellent overall structure and balance, with a gorgeous freshness that runs through the core of the wine and persists on the long finish. The LMV Salon is already drinking beautifully today, but this also has the potential to age for quite some time and should continue to impress for many years to come.</p>	95
2017	Firebelle	<p>The 2017 Firebelle is absolutely brilliant in this vintage. This elegant red is composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, which spent 19 months in 75% New Tonnellerie Bossuet. It begins with pretty aromatics of bright red berries and cherries along with exotic spices, herbs, mint, spring flowers, and licorice which all develop beautifully in the glass. On the palate this possesses a gorgeous medium-bodied frame, with a beautiful velvety mouthfeel that is well-structured with polished tannins and a core of fresh ripe red and dark fruits which are accented by lovely mineral character. It shows incredible freshness and verve through the mouthwatering finish. This is an absolutely beautiful wine which seems to impress more with each minute in the glass, and it should also go on to evolve gracefully over the course of the next decade.</p>	94
2017	Cabernet Sauvignon	<p>The 2017 Larkmead Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot, which was aged in 19 months, 75% new Tonnellerie Ermitage. It begins with aromas of red currants and dark cherries laced with spices, fresh cut florals, licorice, wet gravel and hints of fresh herbs which all come together beautifully. The palate is medium-bodied and beautifully balanced with a lovely combination of fresh fruit and acidity. It displays excellent focus with incredible elegance that persists through the graceful finish. While this is a pleasure to drink today, it should be even more impressive with another year or two of bottle age.</p>	93