



INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

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VINTAGE	NAME	TASTING NOTES	SCORE
2016	Cabernet Sauvignon	The 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a fantastic entry into the sensational wines from Larkmead in this vintage. It is composed of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot which was sourced from Cortina Gravel and Pleasanton Loam soils and aged in 60% new French Oak. As this slowly begins to unwind it releases gorgeous characteristics of red and dark currants, cherries, licorice, minerals, tobacco, mint and fresh wild herb nuances that all take shape. Medium to full-bodied, this displays outstanding structure along with remarkable overall balance and precision. Everything comes together beautifully as it glides into the long elegant finish that lingers on. This is a stunning wine from Larkmead that is extremely attractive in its youth, but also possesses serious aging potential.	95
2016	Firebelle	The 2016 'Firebelle' Red Wine is composed of 67% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot, and it is yet another brilliant wine from Larkmead. Stunning aromatics of red and dark berries and cassis combine with spring florals, fresh herbs, licorice and earthy minerals. This possesses a lovely medium-full body with a gorgeous plush texture that gracefully envelops the palate. It continues to impress with its outstanding overall balance and striking purity as it expands beautifully on to the finish where it grips hold and shows incredible length. While the Firebelle is already extremely attractive in its youth, it also displays the elements to cruise in the cellar for many years to come.	95
2016	LMV Salon	The 'LMV Salon' is a simply striking in this vintage. Winemaker Dan Petroski crafted this from 53% Cabernet Franc and 47% Cabernet Sauvignon from Bale Loam soils of the C-Blocks in the Larkmead Vineyard. This stunning red instantly begins to impress with striking aromatics of red currants and dark cherries which are woven together with tobacco, roasted coffee beans, spring florals and earthy minerals. On the palate this is medium to full-bodied and beautifully structured with well-polished tannins that provide plenty of backbone. This goes on to display outstanding balance and poise, as it shows incredible freshness and purity through the long, refined finish. The LMV Salon is a total beauty, and possesses all the elements for a brilliant future ahead.	97



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2016	Dr. Olmo	<p>The 2016 'Dr. Olmo' is made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that was sourced from cortina gravel soils in the A-Blocks of the Larkmead Vineyard. Like all of the 2016's from Larkmead, this displays striking purity and freshness that makes it instantly appealing. Aromas of ripe red and dark currants come together with fresh cut flowers, savory herbs, mint and hints of tobacco leaf to form the gorgeous perfumed nose. On the palate this is incredibly structured with beautifully polished, yet firm tannins that tightly wrap the core of pure red and dark fruits. Showing outstanding overall balance and precision the 'Dr. Olmo' will need a few years before it shows its full potential, however it clearly looks to have a marvelous future ahead and should go on to offer decades of drinking pleasure.</p>	96
2016	Solari	<p>The 2016 Solari is utterly brilliant, and harnesses all the wonderful elements of this fantastic vintage. Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, this stunning wine opens to an expressive aromatic profile laced with fresh dark fruits, tobacco, roasted coffee, spring florals, loam and savory herb nuances that all come together and soar from the glass. The palate offers a gorgeous full body and is impeccably structured with beautifully polished tannins that frame the gorgeous layers of juicy dark fruits. This goes on to display outstanding balance and striking purity, as it remains fresh and inviting through the exceedingly long finish. While the Solari is nothing short of stunning now, it is ultimately and age-worthy wine that pushes the limit of perfection and will thrive over the next two or three decades.</p>	99
2016	The Lark	<p>The 2016 'The Lark' is absolutely magnificent and is as good as it gets in this fabulous vintage. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from the bale loam soils in Larkmead's vineyards. Displaying an incredibly inviting and expressive character, this opens to stunning aromas of ripe blackberries, dark currants, tobacco, soil, espresso, spring florals and hints of dark chocolate all bursting from the glass. This full-bodied Cabernet is beautifully structured with gorgeous round polished tannins that give way to an expansive mouthfeel that gracefully envelops the palate. Typical of all Larkmead's wines from this vintage, this retains wonderful freshness, balance and striking purity from start to finish. Concentrated, focused and remarkably precise, the team at Larkmead has crafted a simply flawless wine in this vintage, which is nothing short of utterly brilliant now and will also have an incredibly long evolution ahead.</p>	100