

Larkmead



VIRGINIE BOONE, DECEMBER 1, 2021

VINTAGE	NAME	TASTING NOTES	SCORE
2018	Lillie Sauvignon Blanc	From a part of the estate planted in 2014, this white shows undeniable texture and nuanced weight, inviting one in with its floral air of jasmine and wet stone. High-toned, it offers a crispness of key lime, papaya and passion fruit, with a graceful length of acidity lingering on the finish.	94
2017	Firebelle	Blending 70% Merlot with 30% Cabernet Sauvignon from low-yielding vines, this opens in a swirl of cola and dark cherry and is highly enjoyable in its youth, with supple tannin and well-integrated oak. The fruit is dotted in clove, tea and a touch of white and black pepper.	94
2017	Cabernet Sauvignon	With 10% Merlot, this is a structured red that's built by broad tannins but approachable in its youth. Earthy peat, dried herb, cedar and cigar box play against a depth of dark cherry, cassis and plum, while fresh acidity permeates beneath, making for a cohesive package.	96
2017	LMV Salon	This celebrates the coming together of 52% Cabernet Franc and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon—a delightfully herbaceous, classically structured and deeply elegant experience on the palate that offers balanced power and grace. Made in small amounts, it's worth putting away for awhile; enjoy best from 2027–2032.	95
2017	Solari	This Cabernet Sauvignon from a low-yielding part of the estate is deeply aromatic and complex in juicy, rich layers of red and blue berries. Lean yet powerful, the tannins take on a grip that offers additional structure and firmness, with a gravelly, earthy finish. Enjoy 2027–2030.	95
2017	The Lark	This is the producer's top-echelon wine, made from Cabernet Sauvignon and matured in 100% new French oak. Savory earth, clove and black tea accent a core of concentrated black cherry, cassis and plum, the two sides of the equation coming together to make for a cohesive, structured and complex whole. Best 2027–2032. <i>Cellar Selection</i>	97

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