



Lang & Reed 2018 Cabernet Franc – California

Twenty-five years ago, when we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc, our main goal was to explore the distinct charms of Cabernet Franc in California. A second objective was to be flexible enough to take advantage of opportunities and to be nimble enough to face adversity. With the past few vintages, in California, we have faced that adversity. Since 2015, the seasonal fires in Northern California have reached apocalyptic proportions, and the impact on the North Coast County Appellation has been devastating. For the 2018 vintage, we were able to source Cabernet Franc from a number of our regularly sourced vineyards, but there were a handful of vineyards and grapes that presented too large of a challenge to work with. Therefore, we have reached across the state and have found Cabernet Franc in the Sierra Foothills, where the altitude and the red volcanic soils provide an ideal place to grow superb Cabernet Franc. We believe that the addition of this vineyard source fits perfectly into the style of Cabernet Franc that we create. This 2018 assemblage also includes grapes from the T bar T Ranch in Alexander Valley in Sonoma, as well as the famed Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard in Napa Valley. Both of these vineyards are planted with the Entav 214 Cabernet Franc clone, the expressive clone that hails from the Loire Valley. When combined with the Sierra Foothill vineyard component, it offers a very broad palate of aromas and flavors that are rich and satisfying, and it displays the exuberant expression of Cabernet Franc that is typical from Lang & Reed.

Description

The 2018 Cabernet Franc is a tremendously aromatic wine, with notes of cherry, blue plum, dried herbs, and a hint of pine that adds freshness. On the palate, the flavors follow with cherry, plum, and anise with an earthy note of 'sois bois' (forest floor). It is medium weight, and it carries refreshing tartness and savory notes into a long, smooth finish.

Varietal Composition	100%	Cabernet Franc
Appellations	63%	Sierra Foothills
	32%	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
	5%	Napa Valley
Alcohol Content	13.90%	Alcohol by Volume
Total Acidity	0.52/100mL	
pH	3.74	
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels (seasoned) – 14 Months	
Case Production	750 Cases (12 x 750mL)	
Bottling Date	April 28, 2021	
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York	
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SRP	\$29.00/750mL	

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