



Lang & Reed 2021 Cabernet Franc – California

When we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc twenty-seven vintages ago, our main goal was to explore the distinct charms of Cabernet Franc in California, a goal that remains today. Other objectives were to be flexible enough to take advantage of opportunities and to be nimble enough to face adversity. During the past few vintages in California, we have faced that adversity. Since 2015, the seasonal fires in Northern California have reached apocalyptic proportions. As we sought out different viticultural areas throughout the Golden State, we were delighted to find some gems that exceeded our expectations and enhanced the profile of the wine that our reputation has been build upon for almost 30 years.

We were able to craft this Cabernet Franc from a handful of our historically sourced vineyards, along with the addition of some new vineyards from different viticultural areas, with the intention of always seeking a wine greater than any of the individual parts. T-bar-T Ranch in Alexander Valley in Sonoma remains as the underpinning of the wine, planted to the Entav 214 Cabernet Franc clone, a clone that hails from the Loire Valley. Quercus Ranch in Lake County is part of the main event, along with Cabernet Franc from the Talmage region, in Mendocino County, and from the Lodi AVA. When the final composition was achieved, the two hallmarks of Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc where clearly apparent: it had the charm of Cabernet Franc and the drinkability of Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc!

Description

Bright cherry, violet, and fresh herb aromas exude from this wine, with the playful edge of Cabernet Franc clearly expressing itself. When the wine hits the palate, there is a wash of bright flavors: red & white cherries, raspberries and persistent herbs mingling with warm vinous saturation. The wine's finish carries all of those elements into a satisfying, long-lasting presence with a slight grip of balancing tannin. With this wine showing its youthful exuberance, it would be a perfect match to savory and hearty foods. With time, it will age gracefully and be perfect to share on special occasions.

Varietal Composition	100%	Cabernet Franc
Appellations	36%	Lake County – Big Valley AVA
	36%	Mendocino AVA - Talmage
	24%	Lodi AVA
	4%	Alexander Valley AVA – Sonoma County
Alcohol Content	14.5%	Alcohol by Volume
Total Acidity	0.60/100mL	
pH	3.83	
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels (seasoned) – 18 Months	
Case Production	1,450 Cases (12 x 750mL)	
Bottling Date	January 10, 2023	
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York	
Release Date	Winter 2023	
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SRP	\$29.00/750mL	

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