



ACCOLADES FOR LANG & REED

92 Points

Lang & Reed 2005 Cabernet Franc – ‘Right Bank’ – Napa Valley

“This deep and multi-layered wine is very true in its aim of mimicking the bottlings of St. Emilion, and, while it comes with certain West Coast richness, it is very claret-like in construction and nuance. Its themes of dark fruits are laced with cedar and loam and a bit of briary spice, and its lengthy finish continues to unfold with layers of real complexity. It will take easily to five years of age and could well evolve for a decade or more.”

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90 Points **May 2012**

Lang & Reed 2009 Cabernet Franc - ‘Two-Fourteen’ - Napa Valley

“There is a certain Chinon-like sensibility to this very well crafted wine even while it shows a bit of California richness and fruity muscle, and it ranks as one of the more inviting and mannerly west coast Cabernet Francs to be found. Its well-balanced mix of cherries, fresh earth and subtle oak spice is sustained through a lengthy finish, and, if just tannic enough to firm at the end, it is always a classy and very professional wine the likes of which we would like to see more. Limited.”

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89 Points **May 2009**

Lang & Reed 2004 Cabernet Franc – ‘Premier Etage’ – Napa Valley

“An altogether different take on Cabernet Franc than its younger sibling [North Coast], the Premier Etage bottling is a full, slightly fatter and somewhat riper wine whose background of varietal tannins and its sweet oak are both a little more obvious. Still, this is not an overly tough wine, and while it could grow for another half dozen years, it will find its way smoothed in the near term by well-seasoned roasts.”

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87 Points **May 2012**

Lang & Reed 2010 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

“Straddling a very fine line between being fruity and bright and just a little too tannic for comfort, this buoyant young bottling exhibits a nice bit of winsome, berry-like fruit before taking a turn to astringency. Its sins, however, are forgivable given its age, and a few years of patience will make for a more polished and approachable wine.”

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"But there is another direction for Cabernet Franc that bears watching. The grape may be best known locally [Napa Valley] for its contributions in Cabernet Sauvignon blends, but, in France, it is always grown in the Loire Valley in the area of Chinon. And there it produces lighter, fruitier wines. There have always been a few California wines that pursued that style. Lang & Reed has been the leader and remains today the leading light in the lighter style."

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