



Lang & Reed 2000 Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

Oh, oh! Oops, we mean '00. And oh, what a year for our journey with Cabernet Franc! Striving to do a little better than we did the year before, with this vintage, our sixth, we searched for additional vineyards in the hopes of ever expanding the range of flavors and complexities that can be coaxed from Cabernet Franc.

We harvested keeping in mind this concept of bringing together distinct vineyard sites, each with its own sense of terroir. The Wood Ranch in Rutherford remains the anchor of this wine and provides the deep underlying flavors and moderate backbone. And as in the past, the Stanton Vineyard in Oakville imparts racy aromatic Franc components and bright 'cherry pit' flavors typical of the grape. The addition comes from the Mueller Vineyard, also located in Rutherford. It is a notable accessory, providing an array of delicate aromas and flavors and the desired balance of good acid to ripe fruit.

Description

Splashing brilliant red color, hues of blue and violet reflect in the glass. The intense perfume, a hallmark of Cabernet Franc, is laden with floral essence, cherry fruit and delicate dried herbs. Flavors coalesce in a voluptuous mix of sweet cherries toned with light vanilla and edged with crisp, cherry pit delight. These hedonistic flavors are ever so gently balanced with soft, fine-grained tannins and good acidity drawing out a yummy finish.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyards	Wood Ranch and Mueller Vineyard, Rutherford Stanton Vineyard, Oakville
Alcohol Content	14.2% by Vol.
Total Acidity	0.59 g/100mL
pH	3.68
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 9 ½ Months
Case Production	2025 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	July 9, 2001
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
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