



Lang & Reed 2001 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

Yum, 2001! What a vintage to continue our exploration of Napa Valley Cabernet Franc. Striving to do a little better than we did the year before our original goal remains the same, to craft a quality wine that is true to its varietal origins and, frankly, enjoyable to drink! With our seventh vintage we continue to search for different vineyard sites in the hopes of expanding the range of flavors and complexities that can be enticed from Cabernet Franc.

This vintage is comprised of wines blended from four different vineyards, each of which brings their own nuance to the final assemblage. The Wood Ranch in Rutherford remains the anchor of this wine and provides the deep underlying flavors and moderate backbone. The Stanton Vineyard in Oakville and the Mueller Vineyard in Rutherford both impart racy aromatic Franc components and the bright cherry flavors typical of the grape. The wild card this year is the addition of the Dos Rios Vineyard, located in Yountville, which brings a rich, almost syrupy blackberry flavor and texture to the wine. It is always our hope the sum of the parts is greater than the individual components.

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 combine in a mix of sweet cherries and cranberries toned with light vanilla and edged with impressions of crisp, cherry pit. The 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, Dos Rios, Yountville
Alcohol Content	14.2% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.59g/100mL
pH	3.68
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 9 ½ Months
Case Production	2600 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	July, 2002
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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