



## Lang & Reed 2002 Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

When we began Lang & Reed 8 ½ vintages ago we never knew that sometimes it would feel much like Federico Fellini's famous film, 8 ½. A director without a script but with an idea of whom the players would be, imaging all of their creative potential. We felt that our players, various Cabernet Franc vineyards, could yield something exciting, though we didn't what parts each would play. Well now the script has evolved and each player knows where they fit in the story although with each vintage, each one expresses a slightly different tone and nuance.

The 2002 players are very similar to our recent past vintages. The Wood Ranch, in Rutherford, always plays the leading man, providing a handsome demeanor and solid anchor of backbone. In Oakville Stanton Vineyard is the leading lady, timeless beauty always exuding classy perfume. And finally Mueller Vineyard in Rutherford, that impetuous ingénue, possesses lots of verve and spice, never willing to be ignored in the ensemble. They all come together to tell our story, that of the charms and enjoyment of Cabernet Franc.

### Description

With clear and bright ruby red color with the lightest hint of violet on the edge, the wine exudes sappy aromas of fresh, crushed cranberries and scents of delicate dried herbs. On the palate the dried herb is evident while a wash of sweet cherry and black currant explodes along with an appealing toasty nuance. As the wine lingers, the slight tartness of cherry pit appears and is complimented with round tannins pulling the flavors out to a soft satisfying finish.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyards	Wood Ranch, Mueller Vineyard, Rutherford Stanton Vineyard, Oakville
Alcohol Content	14.6% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.54g/100mL
pH	3.65
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 11 Months
Case Production	2,371 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	September 2003
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York

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