



## Lang & Reed 2003 Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

When we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc we set out with the goal to present a wine that was 'true to type', or in wine-speak a wine that showed 'typicity' a wine that would speak 'Cabernet Franc!' Now after nine vintages we feel strongly that Lang & Reed represents the elements that say 'Cabernet Franc'. So, you ask, what is typical Cabernet Franc? It is a wine that is much about charm, beginning with a vinous aroma that is perfume-like, with scents of violet, dried herbs and raspberries. When the wine first hits the palate the initial aromatics are repeated followed by a wash of fresh cherry, anise and red plum or red currant and often a hint of bell pepper. As the wine finishes all the elements intermingle and are supported by fruit acidity that make the whole lively, complete and satisfying. What more should a wine be?

The 2003 come from three vineyards all located in the Rutherford and Oakville appellation in the heart of Napa Valley. The distinctive deep red current and plum flavors are easy to attribute to the Wood Ranch on the eastern gravel benches of Rutherford. The lively 'typical' aromatics hail from the Mueller Vineyard on the sandy gravelly soils west of the Napa River in Rutherford and the bright defining acidity comes from the Stanton Vineyard in Oakville.

### Description

Showing clear and bright ruby red color with the lightest hint of violet on the edge, the wine displays aromas of fresh raspberries and red currants with scents of delicate dried herbs. On the palate the dried herb is evident with ample volume of sweet cherry, black currant and bell pepper that are accented by a hint of anise. The finish is bright and crisp with a cleansing touch of cherry pit and mild tannins.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyards	Wood Ranch, Mueller Vineyard, Rutherford Stanton Vineyard, Oakville
Alcohol Content	14.5% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.58g/100mL
pH	3.63
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 10 Months
Case Production	1,975 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	August 2004
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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