



Lang & Reed 2009 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

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' – boldly saying 'Cabernet Franc'! Our exploration, in progress for over a decade, brings us to the rows of many vineyards in very diverse growing conditions. For seven vintages we have been focused a little north of us [north of Napa Valley that is] in the hills of Lake County. We have been working with vineyards 'up' in Lake County long enough to have found growers who are passionate in providing us with the grapes we need to help express our Cabernet Franc vision.

The 2009 is an assemblage of four vineyards, two located in the Napa Valley and two from the northern reaches of Lake County. Though only a small percent, the Stanton Vineyard in Oakville provides that bright crisp cherry aroma and flavor component. Sugarloaf Vineyard, located in the cool southeastern reaches of Napa Valley contributes to the effusive aromas and texture. The High Chaparral Vineyard, located high up in the real red hills of Lake County just north of Kelseyville was planted back in the 70's. It is the only Cabernet Franc vineyard we know of that is planted on its own roots - a true Franc de Pied providing deep structure and lovely fruit tannins. Also above the 2,000ft elevation in the High Valley appellation of Lake County are the Cross Spring Vineyards. The grapes from here provide us with an exciting facet in our goal to express 'typicity' in our North Coast bottling.

Description

The 2009 North Coast Cabernet Franc has a bright, clear and brilliant red color rimmed in youthful violet-blue. Sweet cherry, herb and spice aromatics push forward accented with lightly toasted top notes. The flavors call forth bright cherry fruit and a mélange of dried herbs - all with a beguiling softness that begs for another glass. This is a wine to be shared and enjoyed between family and friends!

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellations	90% Lake County 10% Napa Valley
Vineyards	Cross Springs Vineyard, Lake County High Chaparral, Lake County Stanton Vineyard, Oakville Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Napa Valley
Alcohol Content	13.8% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.50g/100mL
pH	3.91
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 8 Months
Case Production	2,800 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	June 2010
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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