



Lang & Reed 1997 Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

Crafted in the same style as our inaugural '96 vintage, this wine has a bright red/blue color typical of Cabernet Franc. Keen floral and fruit aromas with hints of dried herbs are followed by flavors that are bright and fresh suggesting berries and plum. The finish is appealing, with soft textured tannins. Wine writer Norm Roby has described the Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc as "a serious, deeply scented quaffer" and who are we to argue such a nice description.

The grapes were harvested from two vineyards; three quarters emanate from the eastern side of the Napa Valley in Rutherford and the balance from the Atlas Peak Vineyards. The wine was aged for 10 months in French Oak barrels and bottled in late July. 26 barrels were produced resulting in around 650 cases.

When asked how we describe our goal in making Napa Valley Cabernet Franc, we reflect on what **John Lennon** once said, **"Say what you mean, make it rhyme and give it a backbeat!"**

WHO KEEPS SAYING THOSE THINGS ABOUT LANG & REED?

"Showing off pert fruit similar to a fine Chinon, this 97 bottling is redolent with raspberry, spicy fruit yet has depth and definite palate presence. 90 points - highly recommended"

Norm Roby, *Guide to Winery Direct Wines*

"Lightly woody, youthful, and medium full bodied; a supple, well balanced wine, with surprising fruit intensity. EXCELLENT. Tastes of olive, caramel, toasted oak, ripe berries and plums, *****STAR RATING – Excellent – Among the very best of its type or price – Highly Recommended."

Ronn Wiegand, MW, MS, *Restaurant Wine*

"Fresh black cherry fruit, with perfumed, floral notes of rose and violet. Light-medium body, extremely food friendly. California's answer to an elegant Chinon from the Loire. REVIEWER'S CHOICE."

William Sherer, MS, *Santé Magazine*

"Ripe and supple, with a cedary edge to the tobacco, currant and berryish flavors, turning rich and polished on the finish, 88Pts. Very Good, a wine with special qualities!"

James Laube, *The Wine Spectator*

"The 1997 Cabernet Franc has a perfumed nose of ripe plum, cherry, violets, and cedar with a hint of pepper and underbrush spice. The flavors of ripe strawberry, plum, blueberry, toast, and vanilla are balanced with good depth and a bright fruity balanced finish. 88pts. Very Good."

Joseph Sullivan, *The Insiders' Wine Line*

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