



## Lang & Reed 1998 Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

We continue to focus exclusively on making only Napa Valley Cabernet Franc and with this release we forged a wine in the style and demeanor that we strive for. We are extremely pleased with the quality of the 1998 vintage and only wish that the harvest of 1998 had provided more wine.

The 1998 growing season started out slow, cold and wet resulting in a very small crop size. As the summer progressed, the weather remained unusually cool until just after Labor Day when we were blessed with a beautiful Indian summer. This allowed our small crop the time needed to slowly develop and with the fine fall weather the grapes finally reached full flavor maturity. We began the 1998 Lang & Reed harvest a full forty-five days later than the start of the 1997 harvest.

This wine is 100% Cabernet Franc which came from three Napa Valley vineyards located next to each other in the heart of Rutherford. After fermentation the wine was aged in small French oak barrels for eight months and thirty-five barrels were bottled at the end of June.

### Description

The wine is an explosion of wild berry. Exotic herb and spice aromas are quickly followed by a warm sensation of sweet fruit. It is a mix of dark plums, cassis and black cherry, all brought together with mild tannin, yet firm acidity... *franc-ly speaking*, it's a complete mouthful of flavor!

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley, Rutherford
Alcohol Content	14.47% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.51g/100mL
pH	3.71
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 8 Months
Case Production	810 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York

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