



Lang & Reed 1997 'Premier Etage' Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

Crafted to explore a deeper profile of Cabernet Franc, the 1997 Lang & Reed Premier Etage is the second release of this wine. It is composed of 100% Napa Valley Cabernet Franc selected from three vineyards located between St. Helena and Calistoga. We utilize whole berry fermentation with indigenous yeast combined with select yeast strains to help bring forth many layers of flavor and complexity. Post fermentation maceration, employed for thirty days after crushing, allows for the tannins to polymerize, impacting texture and length. After maceration, the wine was racked into French oak barrels, predominantly one and two years old, and allowed 20 months of aging with a minimal number of rackings. Only fourteen barrels of this wine were produced from the 1997 vintage and the 369 cases were bottled in late June 1999.

Description

Our 1997 vintage produced a wine that has a bright crimson red color with the typical blue-violet edge of Cabernet Franc. The aromas display a mix of cherry, cranberry and herb scents with a very light touch of vanilla. The flavors follow suit with the predominant note of fresh cherry with dark plum and spice. The palate impression is of good acidity, cherrystone flavors and soft smooth tannin that provides structure to a lengthy finish.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc	Bottling Date	June 30, 1999
Appellation	100% Napa Valley	Release Date	March 15, 2000
Vineyards	30% Alluvial / Duckhorn 55% Saviez / Duckhorn 15% Northern Calistoga	Acidity	.58g / 100mL
Alcohol Content	14.4% by Volume	pH	3.8
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 20 Months (10% new & 90 % seasoned)		
Case Production	369 Cases (12 x 750mL)		
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York		

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