



Lang & Reed 2007 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

In the last century when we began our exploration into Cabernet Franc, we did so with a constant sense of resolve to stay keenly aware of all things 'Cabernet Franc'. So it was with resolve that we investigated and strived to understand the source material, the clonal selections as they were evolving throughout the 1990's. The choice of Cabernet Franc clones before this time was minimal, but in those roaring 90's a number of great clones made their way into the vineyards of Napa Valley. One of these unique selections was Clone 214, a cultivar that originated in the Loire Valley of France, home to some of the worlds' most renowned Cabernet Franc vineyards and producers.

In 2007 we found a vineyard located on ideal rocky soils on a beautiful hillside slope in the southeastern corner of Napa Valley. The Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard benefits from moderate temperatures and cooling breezes that emanate from the northern reaches of San Francisco Bay. This new world climate combined with this old world Loire Clone 214 provides the basis for a unique and immensely gratifying presentation of the Cabernet Franc grape. Lang & Reed 'Two-Fourteen' expresses what we believe is our highest achievement in creating a wine made exclusively from Cabernet Franc that represents the only known bottling of this unique clone in California to date.

Description

This 2007 Napa Valley Cabernet Franc exudes aromas of red cherry, raspberry and floral perfume with the most delicate hints of dried herbs. On the palate the wine at first appears taut with red cherry and then transforms into a lush, juicy mix of red and black fruits. A sense of refinement is evident as the finish shows soft gentle tannins that extend the fruit experience and displays great vineyard personality in its length. We view our Napa Valley 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc to be a 'Vin de Garde', or a wine to age, meaning that with proper cellaring the wine will display additional complexities and nuance.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard – Southeastern Napa
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	14.9% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.59g/100mL
pH	3.74
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 22 Months
Case Production	171 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	August 11, 2009
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
Release Date	Bastille Day, July 14, 2010

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