



Lang & Reed 2012 '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 this resolve that we investigated and worked 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 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

What a difference a year makes! 2012 was a picture perfect growing season, ending with the harvest of Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard in early October. This is our sixth vintage from this unique terrior. The aromas are expressive of violet, dark chocolate and cherry; the varietal purity of the flavors on the palate are expansive and long lasting. This wine, elegant and balanced, will stand the test of time.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	13.80% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.50g/100mL
pH	3.67
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 16 Months
Case Production	755 Cases (12 x 750mL), 12 Cases (6 x 1.5L)
Bottling Date	February 2014
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
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