

Lang & Reed 2008 '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 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 2008 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc Napa Valley is the second vintage of this wine produced by Lang & Reed. Violets and dried herbs highlight the effusive aromatics; scents of tarragon with notes of cherry abound. The impression on the palate is a wash of Cabernet Franc characteristics, reaffirming the herb notes and fresh red and black cherry – a lushness and silkiness to the finish makes the wine flow effortlessly. As Robert Parker of The Wine Advocate aptly noted, "Delicious notes of blue fruits, spring flowers and spice box soar from the glass of this medium bodied, fleshy, quintessentially elegant and complex Cabernet Franc."

Varietal Composition Appellation Vineyard Clone Alcohol Content Total Acidity pH Cooperage Case Production Bottling Date Label Design Release Date 100% Cabernet Franc
100% Napa Valley
Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Entav 214 (Loire origin)
14.7% by Volume
0.57g/100mL
3.74
French Oak Barrels – 20 Months
334 Cases (12 x 750mL), 5 Cases (6 x 1.5L)
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