

Lang & Reed 2012 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

When we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc we set out with the goal to present a wine that was 'true to type', or in wine-speak, a wine that showed 'typicity' – boldly saying 'Cabernet Franc'! Our exploration, in progress since 1993, brings us to the rows of many vineyards in very diverse growing conditions. For nine vintages the base of this wine emanates from a little north of us [north of Napa Valley that is] in the hills of Lake County. We have been working with vineyards 'up' in Lake County long enough to have found growers who are passionate in providing us with the grapes we need to help express our vision of Cabernet Franc. To make the North Coast masala even more interesting, this vintage includes grapes from Sonoma County, including Alexander Valley, Dry Creek and Russian River Valley, as well as a pinch of spice from Suisun Valley and Napa Valley. The grapes from Alexander Valley are from the famed T bar T ranch that is planted to the specific '214' entav clone that we are finding planted in more of the great Cabernet Franc 'terrior' in the North Coast. This expressive clone combined with each of the other vineyard components offers a very broad palate of aromas and flavors that are rich, satisfying and displays the exuberant expression of Cabernet Franc typical from Lang & Reed.

Description

The 2012 North Coast Cabernet Franc has a bright, clear violet blue color. The aromas display deep wild berry, stone fruit and dried herb aroma. The palate provides a more intense counter to the bright aromas with very deep penetrating fruit flavors wrap in soft silky tannins. Its vibrancy makes for hearty presentation in this state of youth, with structure and intensity that will suit a couple years of bottle age. Brilliant when shared and enjoyed with family and friends!

Varietal Composition Appellations	100% 44% 44% 7% 5%	Cabernet Franc Lake County – High Valley Sonoma – Alexander Valley Suisun Valley Napa Valley
Alcohol Content Total Acidity pH Cooperage Case Production Bottling Date Label Design Release Date	0.58g/1 3.63 French 3,100 (June 2(Oak Barrels – 8 Months Cases (12 x 750mL))13 Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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