



## Lang & Reed 2011 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 eight vintages we have been focused 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. The challenges of a lengthy cool summer and a harvest replete with unseasonable storms were abated by our close association and astute cooperation with these growers. Having lived through 30 harvests, in the Napa Valley and North Coast, our experiences have included conditions like that of the 2011 Vintage. Our sources included more Napa Valley fruit than most recent past vintages and harvest of all vineyards was held off until very late October and early November when weather conditions and ground conditions improved over earlier in the season.

### Description

The 2011 North Coast Cabernet Franc has a bright, clear violet blue color. The aromas display firm red berry, gentle lavender and licorice overtones. The slight herbaceous character mingles with pleasant strawberry and warm stone fruit aromatics

The palate provides a supple counter to the bright aromas yet shows a slightly less dense structure than most recent past vintages. Its vibrancy makes for early enjoyment along with soft supple tannin and a sweet impression to the fruit flavors. Brilliant when shared and enjoyed with family and friends!

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellations</b>	51% Napa Valley 49% Lake County – High Valley
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	13.41% by Volume
<b>Total Acidity</b>	0.51g/100mL
<b>pH</b>	3.81
<b>Cooperage</b>	French Oak Barrels – 8 Months
<b>Case Production</b>	1,180 Cases (12 x 750mL)
<b>Bottling Date</b>	July 2012
<b>Label Design</b>	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
<b>Release Date</b>	Summer 2013

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