

## Lang & Reed 2009 '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

This 2009 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc Napa Valley is the third vintage of this wine produced by Lang & Reed. It displays a saturated deep red color with violet highlights that lead into aromas of cherry, rose petal, sandalwood and fresh herbs. Similar flavors follow with additional notes of blueberry, currant, licorice and delicate chocolate. The finish is finely cut with a classy presence of French oak gently mingling with gentle, age-worthy tannins. As Antonio Galloni, of The Wine Advocate, aptly noted, 'A pretty wine with plenty of textural elegance and finesse. This is a mid-weight Cabernet Franc with lovely balance, tobacco, herbs and crushed flowers linger on the finish.'

Varietal Composition100%Cabernet FrancAppellation100%Napa Valley

Vineyard Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard – Southeastern Napa

CloneEntav 214 (Loire origin)Alcohol Content14.78% by VolumeTotal Acidity0.52g/100mL

**pH** 3.81

Cooperage French Oak Barrels – 19 Months

**Case Production** 228 Cases (12 x 750mL), 10 Cases (6 x 1.5L)

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