

Lang & Reed 2011 '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 2011 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc Napa Valley is the fifth vintage of this wine produced by Lang & Reed. It displays a delicate red color with violet highlights that lead into aromas of cherry, rose petal, sandalwood and fresh herbs. The third of three cool vintages in a row, the 2011 shows an ethereal aroma of red currant, anise and red cherry. The flavors are rich yet with a delicate balance of fruit & tannin, allowing for a sense of equilibrium to a wine made to enjoy right now yet with enough structure to gain complexity with proper cellar ageing.

Varietal Composition Appellation Vineyard Clone Alcohol Content Total Acidity	 100% Cabernet Franc 100% Napa Valley Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard Entav 214 (Loire Origin) 14.4% by Volume 0.52g/100mL
pH Cooperage Case Production Bottling Date Label Design Release Date	French Oak Barrels – 16 Months 210 Cases (12 x 750mL), 12 Cases (6 x 1.5L) February 2013 Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York Valentine's Day, February 14, 2014

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