

Lang & Reed 2013 '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 and the North Coast. 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.

Description

This is the seventh vintage of Lang & Reed 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc, which displays a brilliant crimson color with a typical, youthful violet-blue edge. The aroma distills white and red cherry with an ethereal 'sous bois' (or forest floor) impression. On the palate, this wine possesses bright and pure Cabernet Franc flavors of firm black cherry, cassis and graphite, which are expansive and made mouthwatering by ample fresh fruit acidity. The finish is supported by solid, but not oppressive, tannins, which have flavor elements that provide memorable length. This is a fresh and exacting expression of Cabernet Franc, attributed to the 214 clone, that will serve well now or gain in complexity with additional bottle age.

Varietal Composition100%Cabernet FrancAppellation100%Napa Valley

Vineyard Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Clone Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content 14.06% by Volume
Total Acidity 0.58g/100mL

pH 3.55

Cooperage French Oak Barrels – 16 Months

Case Production 849 Cases (12 x 750mL), 12 Cases (6 x 1.5L)

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