



Lang & Reed 2017 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. Now, for well over a decade, the base of this wine emanates from a little north of us [north of Napa Valley that is] in the hills of Lake County. Two different vineyards from two of Lake County’s appellations are dominant components in this wine. To make the North Coast masala even more interesting, this vintage includes grapes from the T bar T Ranch in Alexander Valley/Sonoma as well as the famed Sugarloaf Vineyard in Napa Valley. Both of these vineyards are planted the Entav 214 Cabernet Franc clone. This expressive ‘Loire’ clone combines with each of the other vineyard components to offer a very broad palate of aromas and flavors that are rich, satisfying that displays the exuberant expression of Cabernet Franc typical from Lang & Reed.

Description

The 2017 North Coast is an effusively aromatic wine, notes of dark cherry, a little plum, dried herbs and an engaging earthiness that reminds one of Autumn. On the palate, the flavors are similar with rich plum, ‘sois bois’ (forest floor) and bell pepper impressions. It is medium weight, carrying refreshing tartness and savory notes to a long, smooth finish.

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| Varietal Composition | 100% | Cabernet Franc |
| Appellations | 63% | Lake County – High Valley |
| | 32% | Alexander Valley, Sonoma County |
| | 5% | Napa Valley |
| Alcohol Content | 13.50% | Alcohol by Volume |
| Total Acidity | 0.53/100mL | |
| pH | 3.75 | |
| Cooperage | French Oak Barrels (seasoned) – 14 Months | |
| Case Production | 763 Cases (12 x 750mL), 399 Cases (12 x 375mL) | |
| Bottling Date | July 2018 | |
| Label Design | Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York | |
| Release Date | Winter 2020 | |
| UPC | 855226003126 | |
| SRP | \$29.00/750mL | |

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