



Lang & Reed 2016 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

"What a difference a decade makes!" 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.' 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 most renowned Cabernet Franc vineyards and producers.

Ten years ago, 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 Mountain 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 Cabernet Franc. 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

We were lucky that the tenth vintage of the Lang & Reed 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc came from such a beautiful vintage as 2016. Brilliant hues of crimson and violet glint off the rim of this wine, and the aromas explode out of the glass: mixed cherry, raspberry, and earthy spice. The deep flavors exude bright fruits. It is medium to full-bodied, juicy, perfumed, and shows great persistence of flavor. The '214' clone has always produced Cabernet Franc that is elegant, subtle and expressive. Though the wine is very enjoyable now, this vintage has the capacity to age for many years in a good cellar.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	14.50% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.57g/100mL
pH	3.64
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 16 Months
Case Production	225 Cases (12 x 750mL), 12 Cases (6 x Magnums), 8 Grand Format
Bottling Date	March 16, 2018
Release Date	February 14, 2020
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York
Suggested Retail Price	\$85.00

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