



Lang & Reed 2020 Cabernet Franc – California

When we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc, twenty-seven vintages ago, our main goal was to explore the distinct charms of Cabernet Franc in California, a goal that remains today. Other objectives were to be flexible enough to take advantage of opportunities and to be nimble enough to face adversity or changes. With the past few vintages, we have faced that adversity. Since 2015, the seasonal fires in Northern California have reached apocalyptic proportions, and the impact on the North Coast Appellation has been devastating. In 2020, the fires in Napa Valley were the worst in known history. Navigating not only the fires, but also harvest and wine production through the worldwide pandemic made 2020 perhaps the most difficult vintage we have ever assembled, but we are pleased with the result. We were able to harvest Cabernet Franc from several of our vineyards, but others presented too large of a challenge to work with. Therefore, we reached a little bit south to Cienega Valley, in California's Central Coast. We believe that the addition of this vineyard is a great complement to our established grape sources, which include grapes from the T bar T Ranch in Alexander Valley in Sonoma, as well as the famed Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard in Napa Valley. Both vineyards are planted with the Entav 214 Cabernet Franc clone, a clone that hails from the Loire Valley. When the final assemblage was complete, the results were greater than any of the individual vineyards, and we were able to forge a Cabernet Franc of the quality we are pleased to bottle as Lang & Reed.

Description

A fairly deep colored wine with aromatics that seem to jump from the glass, a deep berry fruit and plum compote mixes with pretty dried herbs and brushy earthy tones. On the palate, dense flavors of similar black fruit with a fresh tartness and soft silky tannins make the flavors persistent. This is a perfect Summer into Fall red wine to enjoy with those last moments of outdoor feasting awaiting the cold snap of Autumn and heartier meals

Varietal Composition	100%	Cabernet Franc
Appellations	50%	Lake County
	40%	La Cienega Valley
	5%	Lake County
	5%	Napa Valley
Alcohol Content	14.1%	Alcohol by Volume
Total Acidity	0.61/100mL	
pH	3.62	
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels (seasoned) – 18 Months	
Case Production	508 Cases (12 x 750mL)	
Bottling Date	July 20, 2022	
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York	
Release Date	Summer 2022	
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SRP	\$29.00/750mL	

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