



Lang & Reed 2022 Rosé Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

In 1999, Lang & Reed's fourth harvest, we wanted to have a little fun and decided to make a bit of Rosé from our Cabernet Franc. We made the wine at Luna Vineyards, where winemaker extraordinaire, John Kongsgaard, held court. When we explained that we wanted to make a barrel or two of Rosé, he emphatically stated, "Well, that is a hair-brained idea!" The wine went on to be famously called Wild Hare, which we produced to the delight of our friends and family for 6 years, providing a delicious, thirst-quenching wine, just in time for summer each year.

Fast forward 25 years... We were in the midst of the beautiful 2022 harvest when the idea to make just a few barrels of Rosé for friends and family came to mind. A joyous idea that will provide a season full of enjoyment through the summer and its al fresco meals. We did retire the name Wild Hare in homage to those early vintages and have simply and precisely named the wine – Rosé. It is 100% Cabernet Franc.

The source of the wine is the spectacular Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, located in the cool southwestern corner of the Napa Valley. We have been making Cabernet Franc from this vineyard since 2007. Being planted the Entav 214 Clone, with its Loire Valley origins, this vineyard makes wines that precisely reflect the variety. Three barrels of this wine were made, which produced 70 cases.

Description

The 2022 vintage of Rosé displays a sense of playfulness, with its shimmering pink and violet glint, an effusive bouquet, and pleasing flavors, rich and refreshing. Elegant and distinct, the initial aromas of fruit and berries have evolved into a bouquet of wild strawberry, delicate fresh-cut herbs, and dried flower. On the palate, the bouquet is mirrored, along with a touch of uplifting acidity and bursts of fresh citrus. The texture is luxurious and saturated, while retaining its vigor and mouth-watering freshness.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Alcohol Content	14.20% by Volume
Total Acidity	6.54g/L
pH	3.44
Cooperage	Stainless steel & French oak barrels for 3 months
Case Production	70 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	January 26, 2023
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
Release Date	April 2023
SRP	\$40.00/750mL

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