



## Lang & Reed 2018 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> vintage of 'Two-Fourteen' Cabernet Franc from Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, block 9, that Lang & Reed has produced. 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, several 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 world's most renowned Cabernet Franc vineyards and producers.

Fifteen 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 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

2018 was a typical, easy going vintage in Napa Valley, which produced a wine of stature. A very rich, deep red color with silky legs coats the glass. An exotic mix of dark berry fruit, dried herbs, and violets jump from the wine. On the palate, the berry mixes with dark plum and is rich with a touch of Swiss chocolate and note of toasted vanilla. The vinous flavors are opulent and silky with mouthwatering acidity and smooth silky tannins. This vintage showcases a substantial version of the Two-Fourteen that stays in pleasing balance and with intriguing complexity. Luscious to drink right now with hearty fare but suitably structured to age well for many years.

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellation</b>	100% Napa Valley
<b>Vineyard</b>	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
<b>Clone</b>	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	14.96% by Volume
<b>Total Acidity</b>	0.58g/100mL
<b>pH</b>	3.80
<b>Cooperage</b>	French Oak Barrels – 16 Months
<b>Case Production</b>	346 Cases (12 x 750mL), 36 Magnums & 5 Grand Format
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 12, 2020
<b>Release Date</b>	September 2022
<b>Label Design</b>	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
<b>Suggested Retail Price</b>	\$90.00

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