



Lang & Reed 2019 Two-Fourteen Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

This is the 13th vintage of ‘Two-Fourteen’ Cabernet Franc from Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, block 9, that Lang & Reed has produced. When we began our exploration into Cabernet Franc in the early 1990’s, 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 source material, the clonal selections, as they were evolving throughout that decade. The choice of Cabernet Franc clones before this time was less than ideal, 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.

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 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

The growing season and harvest of 2019 provided even tempered conditions to help create a wine very indicative of Cabernet Franc’s best attributes. Aromatically, the wine has an abundance of brambly berry fruits, rose hips, and savory herbs. It’s a luscious wine on the palate that shows clarity and tension with an encore of the deep berry flavors with complementing hints of dried herbs. The fruit acids and tannin combined with the rich vanilla notes all come together in a long, satisfying finish that maintains the clarity and freshness in this wine.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	14.9% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.57g/100mL
pH	3.58
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 18 Months
Case Production	256 Cases (12 x 750mL), 216 Magnums & 5 Grand Format
Bottling Date	April 29, 2021
Release Date	November 2023
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York
Suggested Retail Price	\$90/750 ml.

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