



Lang & Reed 2014 Bois Sauvage Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard

“The Earthquake Vintage” - the aptly named 2014 harvest with a 6.0 earthquake that shook Napa Valley at the advent of harvest. The growing season began with a very wet spring, which helped mitigate on-going drought issues. Summer proceeded with very little drama, and harvest took place under clear skies with warm weather. It was a year that was referred to as a “typical Napa year” of ripe fruit, good structure, and great flavors. This Cabernet Franc seemed to ask for extended barrel aging, thus the creation of the Bois Sauvage selection for 2014.

This specific single barrel selection of Cabernet Franc is from Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Block 9 – Entav Clone 214, Loire origin. The 32 months of extended barrel aging took place in a François Frères – Bourgogne Tradition barrel from forests in the center of France. The Cabernet Franc from this cool hillside slope of Sugarloaf married and aged in this special barrel make for a very wild combination. Located at the southern end of the Napa Valley, Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard resides on an exposed spine of volcanic rock. This spine of Basaltic Igneous rock, reaching out from the southern end of the Vaca Mountains, was created some 7 million years ago by volcanic activity at the triple junction of the North American, Farallon and Pacific tectonic plates. Little topsoil and exposed aspects make Sugarloaf Mountain a challenging environment for growing wine. We think it is an ideal place for this specific clone of Cabernet Franc.

Description

A broad and effusive bouquet presents itself with a distillation of scents and nuance: warm berries, dried flowers and herbs, sandalwood, bark and crème de cassis. This exotic mix of scents are held together on the palate with an energy and freshness that belies its ten-year age. The flavor is smooth and rich, with mirrored descriptions of the bouquet alongside a touch of Swiss chocolate to add intrigue. The middle and end impressions are expansive and lengthy, still possessing vigor and memory. A very tasty wine at a decade old, it still has enough substance for a little more time in the cellar.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc, Clone Entav 214
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Alcohol Content	14.50% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.56g/100mL
pH	3.66
Cooperage	François Frères, Bourgogne Tradition French Oak Barrel – 32 months
Case Production	19 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	March 2016
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York
Release Date	Spring 2024
SRP	\$250.00/750mL

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