

Lang & Reed 2023 Cabernet Franc - California

When we made the first Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc in 1993, 30 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. During the past few vintages in California, we have faced that adversity. As we sought out different viticultural areas throughout the Golden State, we were delighted to find some gems that exceeded our expectations and enhanced the profile of the wine that our reputation has been built upon for three decades.

We were able to craft this Cabernet Franc from our historically sourced vineyards, along with the addition of new vineyards, with the intention of always seeking a whole that is greater than any of the individual parts. The Quercus Ranch in Lake County is part of the main event, with a supporting role from the Lodi Area AVA, and a touch from the T bar T Ranch in Alexander Valley. When the final composition was assembled, the two hallmarks of Lang & Reed were clearly apparent: it had the charm of Cabernet Franc and the drinkability of Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc!

Description:

Bright and fresh berry fruit aromas alongside hints of mixed dried herbs abound in the initial aromas of this wine. Upon deeper reflection, there is a core of deep fruit, a touch of graphite, and the distinct scent of wet stone minerality. The flavors match the deeper scents with robust fruit and good concentration of flavors with fresh acidity. Reflecting on the remarkable 2023 vintage, this wine has the richness and complexity that will give pleasure for many years to come.

Varietal Composition 100% Cabernet Franc

Appellations 55% Big Valley AVA – Lake County

40% Lodi AVA

5% Alexander Valley AVA – Sonoma County

Alcohol Content 14.8% Alcohol by Volume

Total Acidity 0.61 gm/100mL

pH 3.66

Cooperage French Oak Barrels (seasoned) – 15 Months

Case Production 1,330 Cases (12 x 750mL)

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 \$40.00/750mL

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