

## Lang & Reed 2023 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

This wine is the continuation of over four decades of living and working in California's North Coast wine grape growing region and over two decades of walking and procuring Cabernet Franc from its varied terroir and its beautiful vineyards. Over that time, certain vineyards have stood out for special attention and a very focused regime during wine making and barrel aging. This 2023 North Coast selection emanates from two vineyards that have consistently warranted special attention: The T-bar-T Ranch (Clone 214) in Alexander Valley and the Quercus Ranch (Clone 312) in the Big Valley of Lake County. The resulting wine was aged for 16 months in French Oak barrels and bottled at 100% Cabernet Franc. When the final composition was achieved, the two hallmarks of Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc were clearly apparent: it had the charm and varietal purity of Cabernet Franc and the drinkability of a Lang & Reed Cabernet Franc!

## Description

This wine is a Cabernet Franc lover's wine, with exuberant aromas of black cherry, graphite, fresh herbs and savory earth notes. The palate follows suit with fresh bright cherry, almost cherry cola flavors coming along with the savory herbs and terroir found in the aromas. The wine has mouthwatering fruit flavors and crisp acidity, overlaid with just a kiss of oak, helping to support the intense fruit flavors. At this robust stage, this is a warm weather quaff with anything that might hit the grill, but its rich flavor and corresponding structure will benefit if lost in the cellar for a couple of years.

**Varietal Composition** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Appellations** 87% Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

13% Big Valley, Lake County

Alcohol Content 14.5% Alcohol by Volume

Total Acidity 0.6g/100mL

pH 3.64

Cooperage French Oak Barrels (new and seasoned) – 16 Months

Case Production 178 Cases (12 x 750mL)

Bottling Date January 2025

**Label Design** Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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