



## Lang & Reed 2013 T-Bar-T Cabernet Franc Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

For almost 30 years, our exploration of Cabernet Franc in Northern California has led us over hill and valley seeking just the right circumstances where the elements all line up to provide us fruit that expresses Cabernet Franc as we envision it. Joining the Lang & Reed Monograph Collection, this wine emanates from the T-Bar-T Ranch, a historic cattle ranch, nestled into the folds of the rugged eastern ridgeline of Alexander Valley in Sonoma County. On this hillside vineyard, the combination of altitude, slope, and soil works in harmony to provide an ideal place for growing Cabernet Franc. Planted in 2007 to our preferred clone with origins in the Loire Valley of France, Entav 214, this wine reflects both the rugged nature of its terrior while also expressing grace and elegance that is the charm of Cabernet Franc.

In 2012, we came upon this vineyard and felt it could have the potential to be a player in our portfolio of wines. We have long had high regard for the quality and character of wines made in neighboring Sonoma County and felt that T-Bar-T Ranch could be that lodestone for Lang & Reed. Block 17 is 2.8-acre vineyard planted with clone Entav 214 on 3309 rootstock with a slightly east to west row aspect. The hillside planting enjoys a slightly cooler environment than the main stretch of Alexander Valley, which allows for a slower ripening season and longer hang time for the fruit. Upon our second harvest of this vineyard, we decided to isolate two barrels and allow this wine to have an extended aging regime. One new barrel and a seasoned barrel (Francois Frere – VSG – medium toast) were employed for 32 months.

### Description:

At ten years of age this wine is at a stage that displays a sense of poise and maturity yet with enough verve that makes it a great time to view Cabernet Franc. The initial aromas of fruit and berries have evolved into a bouquet of dried cranberry, sandalwood, dried flower with a hint powdered cocoa. On the palate that bouquet is mirrored but with touch earthy truffle and air-dried meatiness. The texture is luxurious and saturated while retaining its vigor and mouth-watering freshness.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Alexander Valley – Sonoma County
Vineyard	T Bar T Ranch
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	14.82% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.60g/100mL
pH	3.52
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 32 Months
Case Production	50 Cases [600 bottles]
Bottling Date	May 2016
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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