



Lang & Reed 2020 Two-Fourteen Cabernet Franc – Napa Valley

This is the 14th 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 the 90's. 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 Entav 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 Entav 214 provides the basis for a unique and immensely gratifying presentation of the Cabernet Franc grape. Lang & Reed's 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 2020 provided a challenge at nearly every turn, with both mother nature and the world-wide pandemic ganging up together to test our mettle. Harvest took place fairly early, yet the vintage provided us some very good fruit. With careful sorting and precise vinification, this wine shows Cabernet Franc's best attributes. Aromatically, the wine has an abundance of brambly dark berry fruits, rose hips, and savory herbs. It is a luscious wine on the palate that shows clarity and tension, with an encore of the dark berry flavors and complementing hints of dried herbs and coco. The fruit acids and tannin structure, combined with the rich vanilla notes, come together in a long, silky finish that is persistent. The sheer richness and length of flavor impact make this a great glass now or with a few years of bottle age.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	100% Napa Valley
Vineyard	Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard
Clone	Entav 214 (Loire Origin)
Alcohol Content	14.7% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.61g/100mL
pH	3.60
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 17 Months – 25% new
Case Production	109 Cases (12 x 750mL), 12 Magnums
Bottling Date	March 30, 2022
Release Date	Fall 2024
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffè Greco Design, New York
Suggested Retail Price	\$90/750 mL

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