



Lang & Reed 2005 Cabernet Franc – North Coast

When we began our exploration of Cabernet Franc we set out with the goal to present a wine that was 'true to type', or in wine-speak, a wine that showed 'typicity' - a wine that would speak 'Cabernet Franc'! Our exploration has been in progress for over a decade bringing us to the rows of many vineyards in very diverse growing conditions. Our new find has been north of us [north of Napa Valley that is] in the hills of Lake County. Lake County has been known for a very long time as an area capable of producing stunning Sauvignon Blanc so it seems natural that it would do well with the closely related Cabernet Franc. We believe our discovery of some very fine vineyards in this area will be a positive addition to the aromatic and flavor profile of our Cabernet Franc.

The 2005 is an assemblage of five vineyards, two located in the heart of the Napa Valley, one just east of Napa in Suisun Valley and two from the northern reaches of Lake County. The distinctive deep red current and plum flavors are easy to attribute to the Wood Ranch on the eastern gravel benches of Rutherford, the bright defining aromatics come from the Stanton Vineyard in Oakville and the gentle tannin and length from the Babcock Vineyard in Suisun Valley. A new dimension, and a peek into our future vintages, comes from the High Chaparral Vineyard and Cross Springs Vineyard in Lake County.

Description

Showing clear and bright ruby red color with the lightest hint of violet on the edge, the wine displays aromas of fresh raspberries and red currants with scents of delicate dried herbs. On the palate the dried herb is evident with ample volume of sweet cherry, black currant and bell pepper that are accented by a hint of anise. The finish is bright and crisp with a cleansing touch of cherry pit and mild tannins.

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Appellations	41% Lake County 23% Napa Valley 36% Suisun Valley
Vineyards	Cross Springs Vineyard, Lake County High Chaparral, Lake County Wood Ranch, Rutherford Stanton Vineyard, Oakville Babcock Vineyard, Suisun-Solano County
Alcohol Content	14.3% by Volume
Total Acidity	0.59g/100mL
pH	3.60
Cooperage	French Oak Barrels – 10 Months
Case Production	2,300 Cases (12 x 750mL)
Bottling Date	August 2006
Label Design	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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