



## Lang & Reed 2007 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’ – boldly saying ‘Cabernet Franc!’ Our exploration, in progress for over a decade, brings us to the rows of many vineyards in very diverse growing conditions. Our newest find has been north of us [north of Napa Valley that is] in the hills of Lake County. We have been working with vineyards ‘up’ in Lake County now for five vintages and have found growers who are passionate in providing us with the grapes we need to help express our Cabernet Franc vision.

The 2007 is an assemblage of five vineyards, two located in the heart of the Napa Valley and three from the northern reaches of Lake County. The new dimension, and a peek into our future vintages, comes from the High Chaparral Vineyard, Cross Springs Vineyard and La Sierra in Lake County. The High Chaparral sits above the 2,000-foot elevation on very sparse red soils. This vineyard was planted on its own roots, in the early 1980’s. This ‘Franc de Pied’ provides a deep streak of aroma and flavor that clearly expresses a mineral and stony like quality in the wine. Also above the 2,000ft elevation in the High Valley appellation of Lake County lie the Cross Springs Vineyard and La Sierra Vineyard both are planted to the Inra clone 326, especially noted for pure cabernet Franc expression. The grapes from these vineyards provided us with an exciting facet in our goal to express ‘typicity’ in our North Coast bottling.

### Description

Showing clear and brilliant deep red color with youthful violet on the edge, the aromatics of this wine are a little darker than previous vintages with black cherry, sage and herbs de province overlaid with a touch of cedar and cigar box scents. The wine hits the palate in a smooth flow of that black cherry and smooth tannins making this a rich but easily quaffable wine. The attributes are best displayed if the wine is served cool to the touch.

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellations</b>	92% Lake County 8% Napa Valley
<b>Vineyards</b>	La Sierra, High Valley, Lake County Cross Springs Vineyard, Lake County High Chaparral, Lake County Cafferata Vineyard, St. Helena Stanton Vineyard, Oakville
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	13.9% by Volume
<b>Total Acidity</b>	0.50g/100mL
<b>pH</b>	3.90
<b>Cooperage</b>	French Oak Barrels – 9 Months
<b>Case Production</b>	3,900 Cases (12 x 750mL)
<b>Bottling Date</b>	June 2008
<b>Label Design</b>	Jeanne Greco, Caffe Greco Design, New York

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