

2009 PARADUXX Howell Mountain Napa Valley Red Wine

Our Vineyard Series is a collection of limited-production wines that offer their own inspired variations on the contemporary and innovative style of our Paraduxx red blends. This offering is a blend of Zinfandel paired with Cabernet Sauvignon that originates exclusively from the Howell Mountain appellation. The region's 1,800-foot elevation, unique climate and volcanic soils are the key to producing bold, intense wines.

In The Vineyards – 2009

- ➤ 2009 presented certain challenges—from early shatter to late-season rain
- We responded with site-specific techniques that included aggressive leafing, an early thinning protocol and a heavy field sort to select only the most desirable grapes
- Attention to detail in the vineyards, and during harvest and sorting, yielded high quality fruit

Sensory Profile

- Overflowing with Howell Mountain aromatics highlighting dark brambly fruit, wild berry pie notes, ripe blackberry and plum aromas, as well as sweet cedar, dark chocolate, tarragon, nutmeg and coffee
- On the palate, this beautifully balanced wine offers a rich, ripe entry, with a firm, yet approachable structure
- Flavors of chocolate, sweet cedar, clove, cinnamon and tobacco mingle in the complex midpalate and carry through to a long, satisfying finish

- Winemaker David Marchesi

Composition

72% Zinfandel, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon

Origin

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Harvest Dates: October 5 — October 23, 2009

Aging & Oak

16 months in oak 100% French oak 60% new

Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.5° Brix Alcohol: 14.5% 0.58 g/ml titratable acidity pH: 3.96

> Bottled: June 2011 Released: February 2012