

# 2010 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 – 2010

- > Due to a wet spring and long, mild growing season, the harvest began two weeks later than normal
- A strong heat wave and late rains required us to be extra diligent during harvest, with a focus on fine-tuning and timely picking
- As is often the case in milder years, our 2010 wines are marked by their elegance and balanced natural acidity—qualities we have worked to preserve in the winery

## **Sensory Profile**

- Spotlights great brambly mountain-fruit aromas, underscored by elements of white pepper, tobacco leaf, clove and sage
- ➤ Barrel aging contributes subtle notes of vanilla and cedar
- This wine is big and broad with just a hint of sweetness that pulls the palate to a long, sophisticated finish of pepper, cedar, dried herbs and earth

- Winemaker David Marchesi

#### Composition

65% Zinfandel, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Origin

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Harvest Dates: October 8 — October 26, 2010

#### Aging & Oak

16 months in oak 100% French oak 60% new

### Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26° Brix Alcohol: 14.5% 0.57 g/ml titratable acidity pH: 4.0

> Bottled: May 2012 Released: February 2013