

2011 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 – 2011

- ➤ In one of the coolest growing seasons in memory
- > To counteract uneven vine growth, we did meticulous green thinning, gently opened up the canopy to expose the fruit, were judicious in our picking schedule and sorted meticulously both in the vineyards and winery
- > Due to our quality adjustments the remainder of our fruit fared well despite the October rains
- Warm up-valley locations like Oakville, Rutherford, St, Helena and Calistoga were particularly successful, and overall the resulting wines are pure and elegant

Sensory Profile

- Reflecting its mountain origins, this wine offers wild brambly aromas, as well as lovely notes of dark cherry, white pepper, vanilla, clove and spice
- ➤ On the palate, the flavors are dark and sweet with a round, voluptuous layer of blackberry compote and hints of dried thyme and sage

- Winemaker David Marchesi

Composition

67% Zinfandel, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon

Origin

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Harvest Dates: October 3 -31, 2011

Aging & Oak

16 months in oak 100% French oak 60% new

Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26° Brix Alcohol: 14.5% 0.59g/ml titratable acidity pH: 3.97

> Bottled: June 2013 Released: February 2014