

PARADUXX[®]

NAPA VALLEY

2012 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 – 2012

- 2012 offered near-perfect growing conditions
- Warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop with increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries
- Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather, and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time
- Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition

Sensory Profile

- This mountain-grown wine displays robust aromas of cherry and blackberry cobbler, with a hint of fresh-brewed espresso.
- The palate is equally expressive, with flavors of blueberry, black tea and black currants.
- A bold tannin structure adds complexity to this intense and voluptuous wine.

– Winemaker Don LaBorde

Composition

60% Zinfandel, 40% Cabernet

Origin

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 25 — October 31, 2012

Aging & Oak

16 months in oak

90% French oak, 10% American oak

40% New Oak, 60% Second Vintage

Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.0° Brix

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.60g/ml tiratable acidity

pH: 4.02

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