

# PARADUXX

NAPA VALLEY

## **Square vb 1: to multiply by itself 2: raise to the second power 3: to balance**

Since 1994, Paraduxx has set the standard for stylish Napa Valley blends. Crafted for the modern palate, these visionary wines have established a reputation for their boldness, character and complexity. Building on this innovative history, X<sup>2</sup> represents an exponential expression of our Paraduxx style, and the pinnacle of our portfolio. A block and barrel selection of our finest estate grapes, it balances the depth and structure of mountain grapes with the lush vibrancy of valley floor fruit.

## **2012 X<sup>2</sup>**

### **Release**

August 2015

### **COMPOSITION**

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Zinfandel

### **AGING**

100% French Oak

60% new, 40% second vintage

### **IN THE VINEYARDS – 2012**

- The 2012 growing season offered near-perfect growing conditions; though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop
- Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries, which translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal
- 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 wine begins with a rich and alluring nose dominated by intense layers of black cherry, baking spice and violets.
- On the supple, velvety palate, flavors of dark plum, currant, blueberry, black pepper and mocha glide across seamlessly integrated tannins.
- The flavors linger for an eternity on a beautifully polished and thought-provoking finish.

– Winemaker Don LaBorde

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