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## 2020 NAPA VALLEY RED WINE RECTOR CREEK VINEYARD BLOCK 5

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. Grown in the rocky soils of our Rector Creek Vineyard, which surrounds the Paraduxx winery, this alluring blend balances the Bing cherry and herbes de Provence elements of the coveted Cabernet Franc from our Block 5, with the raspberry jam and white pepper character of great Zinfandel.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 growing season began with a relatively dry, mild winter followed by a dry, temperate spring, which resulted in an early April budbreak. The weather throughout spring and summer was even and warm, offering numerous clear, sun-filled days. In September, the weather turned hot, providing the grapes a final push towards optimal ripeness and flavor development. While the overall weather was exceptional for growing grapes, yielding wines with excellent structures and ripe, voluptuous flavors, the impact of the 2020 California wildfires required us to be exacting in our grape selection process, excluding any fruit that did not meet our standards. As a result, while our overall yields were down in 2020, we are extremely proud of the lush, opulent wines that we were able to craft from this vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Beautifully dramatic and alluring, this wine draws you in with aromas of violet, cocoa nibs, spearmint, brambly spice, and cedar cigar box. On the palate, supple, fine-grained tannins frame flavors of black cherry, espresso bean, graphite and tobacco leaf, all of which build to a long resonant fruit and spice finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Yountville, Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Rector Creek Vineyard
BLEND COMPOSITION	100% estate fruit 58% Cabernet Franc, 37% Zinfandel, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 60% new, 40% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
РН	3.84
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100 ml



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