# The Duckhorn Portfolio, St. Helena, CA ©. Must be 21+ Please enjoy responsibly.

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# 2021 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 2021 growing season started with a very dry winter, with almost no rain in the month of February. Due to the lack of moisture, there were more frost events, which when combined with an extended period of bloom led to some shatter during cluster formation, resulting in smaller overall yields. Summer brought ideal temperate weather ensuring that the grapes were able to achieve excellent ripeness. While harvest was fairly compressed, with both white and red grapes coming into the winery at the same time, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, producing a stunning vintage of beautifully concentrated wines with deep, alluring colors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Combining the sophistication of Cabernet Franc and the exuberance of Zinfandel, this wine offers aromas of black cherry, currant, bramblespice, brown sugar, cedar and crushed rock minerality. The luxurious dark fruit notes are echoed on the palate where they mingle with layers of cracked pepper, clove, dark chocolate and spice, with rich, well-structured tannins carrying the wine to along, elegant finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION Yountville, Napa Valley

VINEYARD Rector Creek Vineyard

BLEND COMPOSITION 100% estate fruit

60% Cabernet Franc, 39% Zinfandel,

1% Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK PROFILE & AGING Aged 18 months in 100% French oak

60% new, 40% neutral

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.85

ACIDITY 0.54 g/100 ml

