

# PARADUXX

NAPA VALLEY

## 2014 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 Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Syrah 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, expressive wines.

### In the Vineyards – 2014

The 2014 growing season was our third exceptional vintage in a row, and one of our earliest harvests on record, with our final grapes arriving at the winery on October 14 - almost two weeks earlier than normal. Though the vintage presented drought conditions, perfectly timed spring rains were just what the vines needed to set an excellent crop. After an early budbreak, ideal summer weather allowed us to harvest all of our varieties at optimum ripeness, resulting in wines with alluring aromatics and beautiful fruit complexity.

### Sensory Profile

- Big, rich and robust, this wine shows why grapes from Howell Mountain are so highly prized.
- Intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry cobbler and spicy smoked meats rise from the glass.
- On the palate, rustic mountain tannins add depth and dimension to voluptuous layers of ripe berries, chocolate and espresso.

– Winemaker Don LaBorde



### Composition

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah

### Origin

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: August 20 – October 15

### Aging & Oak

18 months in oak

95% French oak, 5% American oak

60% new oak, 40% second vintage

### Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.0° Brix

Alcohol: 14.9%