

PARADUXX

NAPA VALLEY

2015 HOWELL MOUNTAIN NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

Our Vineyard Series is a collection of limited-production wines that offer their own variations on the contemporary style of our Paraduxx red blends. While taking inspiration from the famed Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah blends of Southern Australia, this wine is also shaped by its Howell Mountain origins, where high elevations, a unique climate and volcanic soils yield epic wines. The result is a wine with the bold structure and blackberry notes of mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and the rich dark fruit and white pepper character of Syrah.

In the Vineyards – 2015

Other than being approximately a month earlier than usual, our 2015 harvest was smooth and successful, yielding exceptional quality grapes. To allow us ample opportunities for blending, we harvested 16 different grape varieties over the course of 12 weeks. During this period, Mother Nature provided heat to speed up ripening when we needed it, and equally well-timed cooler temperatures when the vines needed a respite. The extended harvest allowed us to pick all varieties at optimal ripeness. As a result, our white grapes show lovely aromatics and varietal character, and our reds show beautiful depth and concentration.

Sensory Profile

The nose displays effusive aromas of rich black cherry and toasted marshmallow, along with a hint of nutmeg from aging in new French oak barrels. Though bold and mouth-coating on the palate, this wine strikes a lovely balance between richness and the robust tannins that effortlessly support concentrated flavors of chocolate-covered cherries.

– Winemaker Don LaBorde



Composition

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah

Origin

Appellation: Napa Valley, Howell Mountain

Harvest Dates: September 13 – October 18

Aging & Oak

18 months in oak

100% French oak

60% new oak, 40% second vintage

Production and Technical Data

Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.9° Brix

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.88