

2016 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

2016 was an incredibly successful harvest for Paraduxx. Starting on August 15th with our Rector Creek Estate Viognier and ending on October 20th with perfectly ripened Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, the season was seamless. Overall, we harvested 15 different grape varieties from 14 different Napa Valley appellations. The growing season was filled with warm sunny days, intermittent cool weeks, and no rain events to speak of—all of which were ideal for achieving perfect ripeness with good natural acidity. Overall, there is a lovely elegance to our 2016 wines, with soft, velvety tannins and ripe, impeccably balanced berry flavors.

Sensory Profile

Bringing together great mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, this rich and alluring blend combines generous layers of ripe bramble and berry with appealing savory notes of smoked bacon. On the palate, dusty mountain tannins frame lush blackberry pie flavors, while providing lovely structure and length.

Composition

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah

Harvest Information

Appellation: Howell Mountain, Napa Valley Harvest Dates: September 14 – October 1 Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.4° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak Barrel Aging: 18 months 60% new, 40% second vintage

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5% 0.54 g/100 ml titratable acidity 10-14 days fermentation at 85°F pH: 3.90



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