

PARADUXX

2018 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.

VINTAGE NOTES

In Napa Valley, a mild spring and summer, with no significant heat events, pushed the beginning of harvest back a full four weeks from our average start date. In addition to providing abundant hangtime, the temperate weather ensured that the fruit was able to preserve excellent natural acidity. Because the cool weather continued into autumn, we were able to assess and pick each block at ideal ripeness. One of the most noteworthy elements of the growing season was the fact that the grapes were able to develop beautiful, fully ripe flavors, at lower Brix. As a result, the wines are both elegant and complex, with excellent energy and acidity, and lovely varietal character.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This dramatic wine begins with gorgeous aromas of ripe, dark berry, plum, savory spice, licorice, leather and bay leaf, as well as subtle, oak-inspired hints of caramelized sugar, molasses and nutmeg. On the palate, flavors of rich, dark fruit and blackberry jam are framed by firm mountain tannins and bright acidity, which carry the wine to a long finish with lingering notes of cherry, vanilla, clove and sandalwood.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
BLEND COMPOSITION	51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Syrah
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 60% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.82
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100 ml



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