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# PARADUXX

## 2020 NAPA VALLEY RED WINE RECTOR CREEK VINEYARD

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 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Zinfandel originates exclusively from the rocky soils of our Rector Creek Vineyard, which surrounds the Paraduxx winery.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2020 growing season began with a relatively dry, mild winter followed by a dry, temperate spring, which resulted in an early April budbreak. The weather throughout spring and summer was even and warm, offering numerous clear, sun-filled days. In September, the weather turned hot, providing the grapes a final push towards optimal ripeness and flavor development. While the overall weather was exceptional for growing grapes, yielding wines with excellent structures and ripe, voluptuous flavors, the impact of the 2020 California wildfires required us to be exacting in our grape selection process, excluding any fruit that did not meet our standards. As a result, while our overall yields were down in 2020, we are extremely proud of the lush, opulent wines that we were able to craft from this vintage.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This lush and generous blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel displays aromas of blueberry, bay leaf, saddle leather, spice box and sandalwood. The blue fruit and spice layers are echoed on the palate where they are framed by plush, fine-grained tannins and refreshing acidity, with hints of candied red fruit emerging on the long, robust finish.

### WINEMAKING

**APPELLATION** Yountville, Napa Valley

**VINEYARD Rector Creek Vineyard** 

**BLEND COMPOSITION** 100% estate fruit

59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Zinfandel

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

60% new, 40% neutral

14.5% **ALCOHOL** 

3.82 PH

**ACIDITY** 0.59 g/100 ml

