

# 2016 Winemaker Series Alexander Valley Red Wine Ridgeline Vineyard

Our Winemaker Don LaBorde, first fell in love with the wines from Alexander Valley's acclaimed Ridgeline Vineyard years ago. A dramatic, high-elevation hillside vineyard, Ridgeline is ideal both for Cabernet Sauvignon and for Tempranillo, which is why it was chosen as the source for this alluring Sonoma County Red Blend. Inspired by the iconic blends of Spain, this robust, full-bodied red combines the vivid violet and white pepper qualities of exceptional Tempranillo with the depth and richness of Cabernet Sauvignon.

## 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**

Ridgeline Vineyard has yielded a lush and inviting wine with aromas of mixed berry cobbler, violets and fresh-cracked pepper. The alluring berry notes continue on the palate where flavors of ripe blueberry and tart raspberry are underscored by seamlessly balanced tannins that add richness and depth throughout.

## Composition

60% Tempranillo, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

## **Harvest Information**

Appellation: Alexander Valley, Sonoma County Harvest Dates: September 23 – 26 Average Sugar at Harvest: 25.3° Brix

#### Cooperage

100% French oak Barrel Aging: 18 months 50% new, 50% second vintage

## **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.5% 0.54 g/100 ml titratable acidity 10-12 days fermentation at 85°F pH: 3.92

