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2018 WINEMAKER SERIES ALEXANDER VALLEY RED WINE RIDGELINE VINEYARD

Our winemaker 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.

VINTAGE NOTES

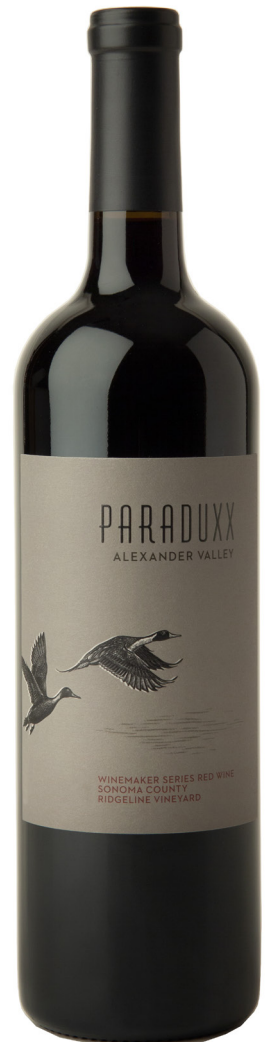
A mild spring and summer, with no significant heat events, pushed the beginning of harvest back a full four weeks from our average start date. In addition to providing abundant hangtime, the temperate weather ensured that the fruit was able to preserve excellent natural acidity. Because the cool weather 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

Deep, dark and spice driven, this wine showcases aromas of blueberry, ripe blackberry, bay leaf, anise, violet and saddle leather. The rich berry flavors continue on the palate, where they are framed by firm tannins and refined acidity. As the wine evolves, notes of red fruit emerge, as well as French oak-inspired hints of toasty marshmallow, mocha, clove and vanilla bean that linger on the soft, almost creamy, finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
VINEYARD	Ridgeline Vineyard
BLEND COMPOSITION	100% estate fruit 59% Tempranillo, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 50% new
ALCOHOL	14.2%
PH	3.77
ACIDITY	0.61 g/100 ml



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