

PARADUXX

2017 X² NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

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VERB 1. TO MULTIPLY BY ITSELF 2. RAISE TO THE SECOND POWER 3. TO BALANCE

Since 1994, Paraduxx has set the standard for stylish Napa Valley blends. Crafted for the modern palate, these visionary wines have established a reputation for their boldness, character and complexity. Building on this innovative history, X² represents an exponential expression of our Paraduxx style, and the pinnacle of our portfolio. A block and barrel selection of our finest estate grapes, it balances the depth and structure of mountain grapes with the lush vibrancy of valley floor fruit.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter rains were followed by a warm, dry spring in Napa Valley that led to a perfectly timed budbreak. With lovely weather throughout summer, all of our white varieties were harvested before a week-long heat event during the last week of August, resulting in Chardonnay and Viognier with excellent acids and enticing aromas. Because the early-season rains produced healthy canopies, our red grapes developed perfectly during the heat. After a timely cooldown that provided additional hangtime, our reds were harvested in September and early October, yielding bold and robust wines with beautifully polished tannins.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Balancing luxurious opulence with a stately sophistication, this wine begins with dramatic aromas of blueberry, brown sugar, cigar box and sweet tobacco leaf, as well as hints of anise and dark chocolate. Complex and richly layered, the palate offers velvety tannins that accentuate the rich blueberry and black cherry flavors, with notes of fresh-baked bread, cocoa nibs, cedar and white peppercorns adding to a long, fascinating finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
BLEND COMPOSITION	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Zinfandel
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 70% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.69
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100 ml



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