

PARADUXX

2018 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

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

The exceptional 2018 growing season yielded a stunning expression of X², with bright, alluring aromas of blueberry, black cherry, dusty wild strawberry and violets leaping from the glass, followed by subtle hints of cassis, caramel, clove and dark chocolate. On the palate, this wine is weighty and polished, with rich, elegant tannins and vibrant underlying acidity framing the juicy red and dark berry flavors. The finish is lush and lingering, with expansive fruit and seamless notes of toasted oak, mocha and savory spice.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
BLEND COMPOSITION	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Zinfandel
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 80% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.64
ACIDITY	0.63 g/100 ml



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