

# 2013 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Red Wine

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 offering is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Zinfandel that originates exclusively from the Howell Mountain appellation. The region's 1,800-foot elevation, unique climate and volcanic soils are the key to producing bold, expressive wines.

# In The Vineyards - 2013

- The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent, with all of our Estate fruit in the winery by October 10th
- A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set
- In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat event followed by a period of perfect weather created a dream scenario for end-of-season ripening
- Rain was not a factor, and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the grapes was exceptional throughout Napa Valley

# **Sensory Profile**

- From its inky dark color to its bold blackberry and fruit cobbler aromas, this is a rich and alluring wine
- On the palate, firm mountain tannins add wonderful structure to a velvety texture and voluptuous dark berry flavors

Winemaker Don LaBorde

#### Composition

65%, Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Zinfandel

#### Origin

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: September 15 — October 15, 2013

## Aging & Oak

18 months in oak, 95% French oak, 5% American oak

60% new oak, 40% 2<sup>nd</sup> vintage

### **Production and Technical Data**

Average Sugar at Harvest: 26.0° Brix

Alcohol: 14.9%

0.59g/ml tiratable acidity

pH: 3.74

Bottled: June 2015 Released: August 2016

