

PARADUXX

NAPA VALLEY

Square vb 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.

2012 X²

Release

August 2015

COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Zinfandel

AGING

100% French Oak

60% new, 40% second vintage

IN THE VINEYARDS – 2012

- The 2012 growing season offered near-perfect growing conditions; though budbreak was late due to heavy spring rains, warm weather during bloom allowed the vines to set a large crop
- Increased yields were the result of more berries, not larger berries, which translated into even higher quality in the winery, as the skin-to-juice ratio remained ideal
- Slightly cooler-than-average post-veraison weather and a lack of any heat events allowed for greatly extended hang time
- Harvest was 2-3 weeks later than average, and the grapes arrived at the winery in pristine condition

SENSORY PROFILE

- This wine begins with a rich and alluring nose dominated by intense layers of black cherry, baking spice and violets.
- On the supple, velvety palate, flavors of dark plum, currant, blueberry, black pepper and mocha glide across seamlessly integrated tannins.
- The flavors linger for an eternity on a beautifully polished and thought-provoking finish.

– Winemaker Don LaBorde