

# PARADUXX<sup>®</sup>

## 2021 PROPRIETARY NAPA VALLEY RED WINE

From the only winery devoted to stylish Napa Valley blends, the Paraduxx Proprietary Red Wine is a bold and expressive blend crafted to satisfy the modern palate. It has rich, full fruit flavors and soft, elegant tannins.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 growing season started with a very dry winter, with almost no rain in the month of February. Due to the lack of moisture, there were more frost events, which when combined with an extended period of bloom led to some shatter during cluster formation, resulting in smaller overall yields. Summer brought ideal temperate weather ensuring that the grapes were able to achieve excellent ripeness. While harvest was fairly compressed, with both white and red grapes coming into the winery at the same time, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, producing a stunning vintage of beautifully concentrated wines with deep, alluring colors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2021 vintage produced a beautifully polished and potent expression of Paraduxx's flagship red blend, with aromas of spiced blueberry, blackberry, licorice and lavender, as well as hints of flint and sandalwood. The luxurious dark berry layers are echoed on the palate, where they are framed by robust tannins, with notions of black cherry, cocoa, lilac and anise emerging throughout a long, mouth-filling finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
BLEND COMPOSITION	51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Zinfandel, 13% Malbec, 10% Merlot, 6% Syrah, 5% Petite Sirah
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in French and Hungarian oak 40% new, 60% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.71
ACIDITY	0.61 g/100 ml



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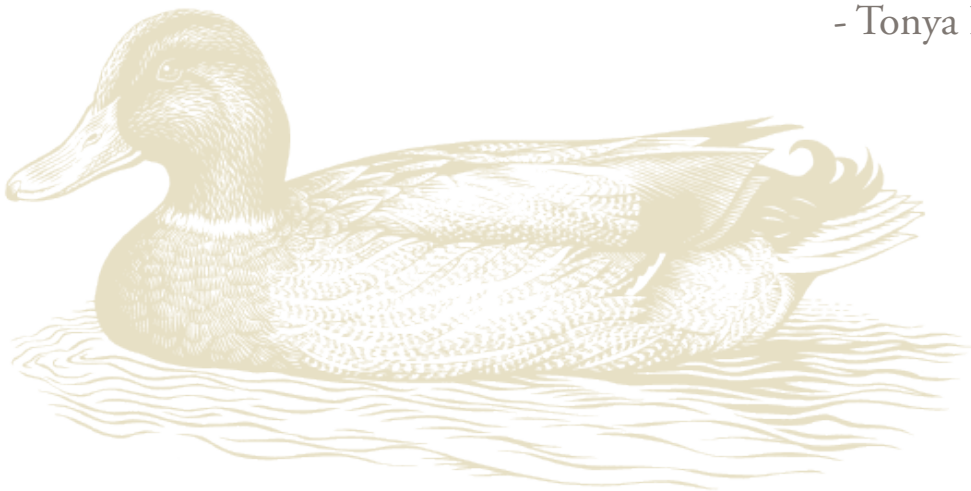
2023 NORTH COAST SAUVIGNON BLANC

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POINTS

Excellent; highly recommended

“This wine is vibrant, with aromas of Meyer lemon, green papaya and lemongrass on the nose. The flavors on the palate are white nectarine, orange sherbet and allspice, intertwined with pink grapefruit zest, mineral and a dry finish.”

- Tonya Pitts, *Wine Enthusiast*  
November 2024



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## LES PIERRES

VINTAGE 2022 • SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY • ESTATE BOTTLED

### OBSERVATIONS ON A NEW VINTAGE

After a promising growing season last fall, the first three months of the year were the driest on record. Even with some solid rain in the spring, all of California continues a third year of what is now called a mega-drought, affecting much of the western United States. Careful monitoring of the vine needs and soil moisture got us through a difficult season.

A late August warm up moved harvest rapidly into high gear. Then came the typical Labor Day weekend heat, but the vines handled it well. Two weeks later, the weather roller coaster continued with some modest rain. The lower than average crop played in our favor for both the weather events, particularly the rain where the loose clusters were able to dry out & limit any botrytis issues. Harvest concluded on the last day of September.

### ON THE VINEYARD

The Les Pierres Vineyard sits atop the gravelly clay loam of an ancient riverbed, thick with cobbled stones that infuse the grapes - and the wine - with a varied mineral essence. The rocks absorb sunlight and slowly release heat to the vines. When combined with the cool fog that tempers the warm Sonoma Valley temperature, the result is a long growing season that allows the fruit to ripen and reach full maturation.

### ON THE WINE

Each vintage of Les Pierres exemplifies our Grand Cru approach to winemaking. Grapes are hand-harvested in shallow bins to ensure they arrive at the winery in perfect condition. While fruit awaits sorting, grapes are kept cool to preserve the fruit's fresh flavors and natural acidity. After hand-sorting, the grapes are whole-cluster pressed to avoid bitter tannins. The cool, golden-green, free-run juice settles naturally in tanks for 24 hours and is racked and yeasted before heading to French oak barrels for fermentation. One hundred percent of the vintage is barrel-fermented on the lees in one-year-old oak for five months. Individual block components are then blended to create the cuvée and placed in three-year-old oak for additional aging. Bottled in December 2023, the wine was bottle-aged for an additional six months before releasing.

This Chardonnay dazzles with its beautiful pale straw color as it catches the light in your glass. Classic Les Pierres aromas unfold, featuring lemon zest, wet stone and key lime pie, intertwined with citrus blossom and bright lemon curd. Mineral notes are enhanced by a touch of light cedary oak, baking spices and a hint of hazelnut. On the palate, bright citrus-laced acidity melds seamlessly with the oak integration, offering flavors of lime, mineral, roasted nuts and sweet spices. The wine boasts a medium-plus finish, making it a fantastic food wine that pairs excellently with ceviche, halibut, and sushi.

Alcohol by Vol 14.2% • TA: 6.3 g/L • pH: 3.25 • RS: .40 g/L (dry)  
• 100% Chardonnay • 100% Malolactic

Oak Breakdown - 100% oak aged for a total of 12 months. Five months in one-year-old oak sur-lies, topped and stirred each week. Wine is blended in tank and returned to three-year-old oak for an additional seven months.

Vineyard: 100% Les Pierres. Blocks: 87% FSG, 6% H North, 2% B South, 2% E West, 3% Other



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# Goldeneye

2021 ANDERSON VALLEY PINOT NOIR

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“Juicy and inviting, with tasty raspberry and mulberry notes infused with pine forest, red tea and wet earth accents. Keeps the fleshy, juicy feel through the lightly toasted finish”

- James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*

July 2023

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VINEYARDS

## 2022 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

Inspired after a visit to Bordeaux, Dan Duckhorn produced the first vintage of Duckhorn Vineyards Napa Valley Merlot in 1978. Highlighting Estate vineyards and top sites, our renown Merlot reflects the diversity of the valley's many appellations. Blending with Cabernet Sauvignon adds notable depth and structure, as well as signature flavors of black cherry, plum and spice.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Winter and spring provided ample rain, which allowed the vines to set a generous crop with excellent canopies. Budbreak arrived a little over a week early, and we enjoyed warm, steady weather throughout spring and summer. We began picking Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and some Merlot as early as mid-August, but the first big push began after a Labor Day heat event, when our generous canopies paid dividends, helping shade the grapes. After a busy few weeks, a cool spell allowed the remaining grapes time to mature. To counter the impact of modest mid-September rains, we applied a careful fruit drop, and were equally diligent during sorting. Overall, harvest lasted eleven weeks, delivering wines with excellent concentration, supple tannins, lovely finesse and dynamic acidity.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

This wine opens with an alluring nose of floral notes and dark red berries, characteristic of a quintessential Napa Valley Merlot. The palate is supple and polished with a seamless integration of fruit and tannin, enhanced by the inclusion of Cabernet Sauvignon and a hint of Cabernet Franc. The long, vibrant finish highlights meticulous craftsmanship and perfect balance.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATION	Oak Knoll, Carneros, Calistoga, Yountville, St. Helena
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 15 months in 100% French oak 40% new, 60% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.65
ACIDITY	0.56 g/100 ml



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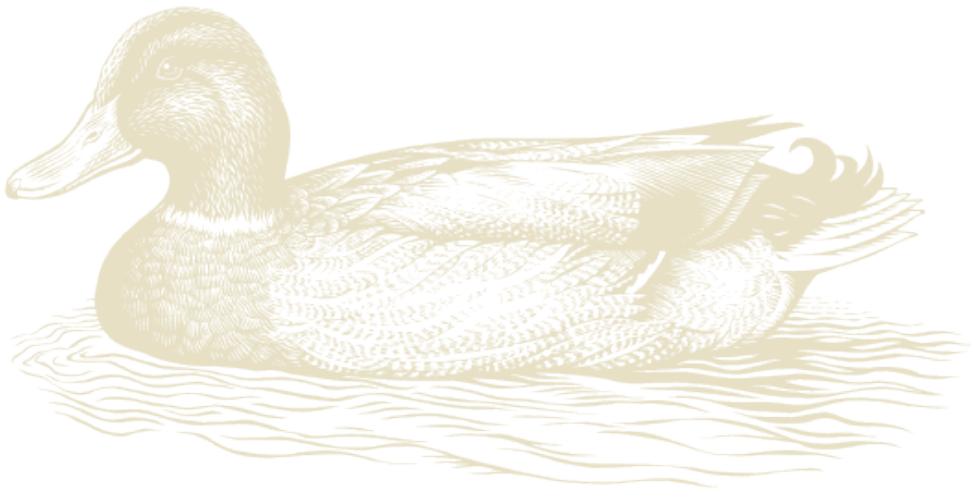
2021 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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“A bright, juicy, and lifted wine with succulent blueberry and black cherry fruits, black currants, clove, graphite, and new wood cedar. Medium to full-bodied with supple tannins. A burst of refreshing acidity through the finish makes for an excellent dinner table Cabernet from this iconic producer.”

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- Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter*  
August 2024



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