

Elyse Winery



ZINFANDEL MORISOLI VINEYARD RUTHERFORD • NAPA VALLEY

2012

PRODUCTION

1,029 cases (12-pack 750ml)

SOURCES

Morisoli Vineyard
Chavez-Leeds Vineyard

BLEND

Zinfandel 92%
Petite Sirah 4%
Combination 4%
(Alicante Bouschet,
Carignane, Durif,
Grand Noir, Muscat
Hamburg, Négrette
Syrah, Valdiguié)

HARVEST DATES

September 25
October 2, 5

HARVEST BRIX

24.0°, 24.8°, 25.6°

MACERATION

14 day native yeast
fermentation

AGING

10 ½ months in
American oak
(20% new)

PH TA
3.60 6.9 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

TASTING NOTES

We have been making Zinfandel from the Morisoli Vineyard since 1986 and have been the only producer working with these grapes since 1988. The old field blend vines, Rutherford Bench terroir, and traditional farming practices always create a truly distinctive Zinfandel.

This 2012 bottling is one of our favorites to date. It is dark crimson red in color with vibrant aromas of crushed berries, violets, mint and cinnamon. The palate is complex and layered with flavors of briary red and black fruit, boysenberry, smoked bacon, wild herbs, plum and a surprising hint of minerality. This wine shows great finesse with rich yet buoyant fruit and terrific overall balance. Classic Morisoli!

THE VINEYARD

Morisoli Vineyard is located in the heart of the Rutherford Bench, between Niebaum and Manley Lanes, at the base of Mount Saint John. This area has a worldwide reputation for producing complex, distinctive and ageworthy wines. The unique terroir consists of well-drained, light, dusty, gravelly soil that produces grapes with vibrant flavor and impeccable balance. The resulting wines express equal parts power and finesse. This historic vineyard has been meticulously farmed by the Morisoli family for over a century. Each year, since 1986, we have been fortunate to produce a Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel from this very special place in Napa Valley.