



# ZINFANDEL

## MORISOLI VINEYARD

### RUTHERFORD • NAPA VALLEY

2013

#### PRODUCTION

1,986 cases (12-pack 750ml)

#### SOURCES

Morisoli Vineyard  
Chavez-Leeds Vineyard

#### BLEND

Zinfandel 87%  
Combination 13%  
(Alicante Bouschet,  
Carignane, Durif,  
Grand Noir, Muscat  
Hamburg, Négrette  
Syrah, Valdiguié)

#### HARVEST DATES

September 11, 19

#### HARVEST BRIX

25.4°, 26.6°

#### MACERATION

14 day native yeast  
fermentation

#### AGING

10 ½ months in  
American oak  
(24% new)

#### PH TA

3.62 5.72 g/L

#### ALCOHOL

14.6%

#### 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 fieldblend vines, Rutherford Bench terroir, and traditional farming practices always create a truly distinctive style of Zinfandel. Absolutely a “house favorite” wine here at Elyse this vintage has wowed us once again. The 2013 Morisoli Zinfandel is aromatically teasing with scents of crushed berries, violets, bacon and cinnamon. It is lush all the way across the palate with bright but deep flavors of raspberry, blackberry and cassis with a creamy texture and ripe, leathery sweet tannins.

#### THE VINEYARD

The vineyard is located between Niebaum and Manley Lanes, at the base of Mt. Saint John and in the heart of the Rutherford Bench. This area has a worldwide reputation for growing great Cabernet Sauvignon. The light, dusty, gravelly soil here produces grapes with vibrant flavor and impeccable balance. The resulting wines express equal parts power and finesse. An Elyse wine from this vineyard will have great longevity but is also very drinkable when released. Each year, since 1986, we produce a Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel from this very special place in Napa Valley.