

2014

ZINFANDEL

MORISOLI VINEYARD
RUTHERFORD
NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/11, 9/19
GRAPE SOURCE: Morisoli Vineyard
and Chavez-Leeds
Vineyard
BLEND: 92% Zinfandel, 4%
Petite Sirah, and 4%
combination of
Alicante Bouschet,
Carignane, Durif,
Grand Noir, Muscat
Hamburg, Négrette,
Syrah, and Valdiguié
HARVEST BRIX: 25.4°, 26.6°
MACERATION: 14 day native yeast
fermentation
AGING: 10 ½ months in
American Oak (24%
new)
PH: 3.62
TA: 5.72 G/L
ALCOHOL: 14.6%
PRODUCTION: 1,986 cases 12-pack
750ml

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.

The combination of the old vines, the field blend and the Rutherford Bench terroir creates a wine that is aromatically teasing and lush all the way across the palate. Aromas of sweet briary fruit lead to flavors of kirsch, cherries, raspberries and hints of white chocolate and toffee with an underlying mineral component. The wine is seamless on the palate with a lovely creamy texture and long pleasing finish.

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.



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