

2017

ZINFANDEL

MORISOLI VINEYARD
RUTHERFORD
NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES: 9/12
GRAPE SOURCE: Morisoli Vineyard
BLEND: 81% Zinfandel, 19% combination of Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Durif, Grand Noir, Muscat Hamburg, Négrette, Syrah, and Valdiguié
HARVEST BRIX: 27.0°
MACERATION: 14 day native yeast fermentation
AGING: 10 ½ months in American Oak (25% new)
PH: 3.34
TA: 7.12 G/L
ALCOHOL: 15.8%
PRODUCTION: 375 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 2015 Morisoli Zinfandel is a blockbuster! Amazing concentration with a subtle elegance that has been the hallmark of this wine since day one. Aromas of sweet briary fruit lead to flavors of sloe plums, raspberries, and red apples. The wine is seamless on the palate with an earthy texture that lets you know this is a true Rutherford wine.

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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