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2020 MORISOLI VINEYARD

Rutherford, Napa Valley Zinfandel

The Morisoli family has been farming for over five generations in the heart of Napa Valley – Rutherford. The Zinfandel for Biale is sourced from the head trained Zinfandel vines dating back to 1985, surrounded by rows of Cabernet Sauvignon. The winemaking style respects the terroir that the vines are grown from, known as “Rutherford dust” with light, gravelly soils which produces a bold and complex wine.

Vintage Notes: Grape Growers recall that conditions were ideal at the start of 2020, with mild temperatures that led to evenly developed clusters. The low winter rainfall resulted in smaller berries with concentrated flavors. Following an early budbreak and warm summer, harvest kicked off at the beginning of August. Although challenged by the two fires during the harvest season, ultimately, most wineries decided to make only their best wines at limited production. This is exactly what Biale did and we know that you will enjoy these wines that express the promise anticipated by the ideal conditions of the early growing season.

Harvest Dates: 9-11-20

Winemaking: Our winemaking begins in the vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and close monitoring by Bob Biale and winemaker David Natali. At harvest, the fruit is hand-picked and hand sorted to ensure that only the best fruit makes it into the fermenter. The grapes are then crushed and gravity fed into open top tanks. The must is cold soaked for 2 to 4 days at 50°F. We then inoculate the must with commercial yeast strains. For color and tannin extraction, we do 2 to 3 punch downs per day. Fermentation is usually complete after 14 to 16 days at a maximum temperature of 86°F. At dryness, we lightly press to 100% Burgundy oak barrels of which 25% are new. Malolactic fermentation is completed in the barrels. The wine was aged in barrels for eleven months.

Alcohol: 14.8%

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes: This is a medium bodied wine with aromas of fruit, spice, and floral components. Flavors of black cherry and red plum. This wine is nicely balanced with fresh acidity and dusty tannins. It is an age-worthy wine but very enjoyable now.

374 cases were produced.