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## **2021 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 in, known as “Rutherford dust,” with light, gravely soils which produce a bold and complex wine.

**Vintage Notes:** The growing season saw rain in January and February then almost no notable precipitation for the rest of the season. This provided an ideal environment for grapes to flower, bloom and set in early spring. Budbreak was early in April followed by flowering and bloom in May. The summer saw early and even ripening with no concerning heat spikes. Everything tended early thanks to the calm spring with veraison appearing in early July. Due in part to the drought, yields were naturally lower, resulting in less dropping of fruit in the vineyards. It was one of the earliest starts to harvest on record. Harvest kicked off with clear skies and almost no weather events to worry winemakers. This allowed the grapes to hang as long as winemakers wanted to achieve optimal ripening and taste.

**Harvest Date:** September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Winemaking:** Our winemaking begins in the vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and close monitoring by Bob Biale and winemaker David Natali. Fruit is hand-harvested, sorted in the field, and sorted again at the winery. Destemmed, the grapes are then fermented in open top tanks with punch downs gently carried out two to three times per day. Pressed, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 100% French oak barrels, of which 23% is new. Aged for 10 months in barrel.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:** Unmistakable as a wine grown from “Rutherford dust,” the nose shows notes of strawberry preserves, cloves, and white peach. Generous on the palate, it displays notes of black raspberries, leather, and lavender. With fine-grain tannins synonymous with the AVA from which it is from, the wine finishes elegantly and with amazing length.

Only 425 cases produced.