



2022 MORISOLI VINEYARD  
RUTHERFORD, NAPA VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

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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, gravelly soils which produce a bold and complex wine.

**Vintage Notes:** The rainy season started off hopefully with several storms bringing much needed precipitation at the end of 2021. Dry conditions, however, returned in January with minimal rainfall through budbreak in mid-March. Cooler, breezy days during flowering in May caused minor shatter in some early flowering blocks, naturally limiting yield. In June a well-timed ½ inch of rain provided the vines with a much-needed drink. Idyllic growing and ripening conditions persisted through the summer. Moderate heat in the middle of August jump started an early harvest. Picking accelerated ahead of a five-day heat spike that began the first week of September, nearly driving harvest to completion. Harvest at Biale concluded exactly a month after it began, just before an early autumn rain. Concentrated and dense with delicate acidity, the 2022 vintage delivered stunning quality across the board.

**Harvest Dates:** August 31<sup>st</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 30% was new. Aged for a total of 10 months in barrel.

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Winemaker’s Tasting Notes:** Bursting from the glass with notes of fresh raspberry, strawberry preserves, white pepper, clove, and the hint of wet earth. Rich, yet lithe, on the palate with notes of blackberry, black cherry, pomegranate, and high floral tones. The wine finishes with generous length and is framed by the characteristically fine-grained tannins of the Rutherford “dust.”

Only 346 cases produced.