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FAMILY VINEYARDS

2019 MONTAFI ZINFANDEL

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY



SIGNATURE ZINFANDEL



Planted in 1926, Montafi Ranch Vineyard is a rare gem in the Russian River Valley where most of the old vine Zinfandel vineyards have been uprooted and replanted with other varieties. We are now the guardians of these ancient Zinfandel Vines, planted in a traditional field blend with Alicante Bouschet and other traditional mixed black varieties. This vineyard's cooler climate and mixed planting enables us to produce a Zinfandel that highlights yet another facet of the variety's diverse expressions; intensely aromatic with a savory fruit profile, bright acidity and ripe tannins.

VINTAGE

The start of the 2019 growing season was wet, however the silver lining to a wet winter and spring is healthy cover crop growth and a full soil profile. By April, rain had started to slow and the soils dried out a bit, allowing us to add large amounts of organic matter back to the soils. The summer was marked by warm days and cool nights. With healthy soils and good weather, bloom went well. Moderate temperatures into mid-September led to a gradual ripening curve for the grapes approaching harvest dates, allowing for a methodical harvest, preserved bright fruit flavors and refreshing acid structure in the wines. The wines also showcase a fully ripe, soft tannin structure that extended gradual ripening promotes. The grapes were hand-harvested between October 16-18, 2019.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

Hand picked from head trained old vines, the grapes were gently destemmed at the winery and transferred to a small, open-top fermentor without pumping. The must was punched down by pneumatic assisted plunger and pumped over through a screen for 12 days. The free run wine was barreled down to complete primary fermentation and underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel. A portion of the Alicante was harvested separately and introduced to the blend as topping wine throughout aging. The wine was raked twice prior to bottling. Barrel aged 18 months in 100% French; 10% new barrels. 23% French 500L Puncheons (35% Cadus(5), 15% Sylvain(5), Bottled unfined.

SIP & SAVOR

This wine is aromatically enticing on the nose with notes of fresh dried herbs, black raspberry, and cherry. The wine's rich texture and intensity is balanced by fresh acidity and a long smooth finish. Enjoy this wine with braised short ribs served over your favorite mashed potatoes or polenta and a hint of freshly grated horseradish. Enjoy now through 2028.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS

90% Zinfandel,
10% Alicante Bouschet

PH

3.5

TA

5.9 grams/liter

ALCOHOL

15.5%