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FAMILY VINEYARDS

2021
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 2021 Harvest arrived with a soft landing despite the limited water supply and eventual bans on irrigation throughout Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys. We experienced very few extremely hot days and were happily able to allow grapes to ripen at a moderate pace without significant dehydration or loss of acidity. Yields in some varieties were reduced due to low moisture earlier in the season, specifically during budbreak and bloom. However those reduced yields have led to intensely flavored grapes and the subsequent wines made from them ooze varietal character and vibrant mouthfeel.

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 racked twice prior to bottling. Barrel aged 18 months in 100% French; 15% new barrels, 23% French 500L Puncheons.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	PH	TA	CASES
90% Zinfandel 10% Alicante Bouschet	15.5%	3.61	6.02 grams/liter	950

SIP & SAVOR

This wine is aromatically enticing on the nose with notes of black fig, red plum, and red and black raspberries. The wine opens with juicy notes of sarsaparilla and licorice. With layered complexity on the mid-palate that leads to a smooth, intense finish. Enjoy this wine with braised short ribs served over your favorite mashed potatoes or polenta and a hint of freshly grated horseradish.