

EST. 1895
SEGHE SIO
 FAMILY VINEYARDS

2022
MONTAFI ZINFANDEL
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 SONOMA COUNTY



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 2022 growing season began with significantly below average winter rainfall totals which led directly into a prolonged frost season lasting late into April. Seghesio vineyards escaped mostly unscathed and launched into a slight cooling trend for May and June. This put the growing schedule closer to average, helping to push back our veraison timing and projected harvest dates. July and August warmed up significantly and some vineyards sustained some sunburn due to exposure. This was just a preamble! Harvest commenced in late August and Labor Day Week witnessed record shattering high temperatures in excess of 118° F in Northern Alexander Valley while still reaching 115° in Santa Rosa High Plains. These scorching temperatures pushed ripening and increased stress on vineyards leading to one of the fastest harvests on record for Seghesio Family Vineyards. The grapes were harvested September 14th 2022.

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 16 months in 100% French; 19% new barrels. 50% French 500L Puncheons.

ANALYSIS

VARIETALS	ALCOHOL	PH	TA	CASES
90% Zinfandel 10% Alicante Bouschet	15.5%	3.67	6.1 grams/liter	808

SIP & SAVOR

This wine grabs your attention with bold, dark brambly fruit on the nose, spiced up with lively aromas straight from a spice box. The entry is rich and silky, with flavors evolving into a mouthful of earthy black raspberry and currant, lifted by cardamom and whiffs of violet. The structure evolves from soft and silky to a more defined mid-palate, closing with a finish that lingers long after the last sip. Pair this vibrant wine with braised short ribs over creamy mashed potatoes or polenta, topped with a dash of freshly grated horseradish for a perfect kick.