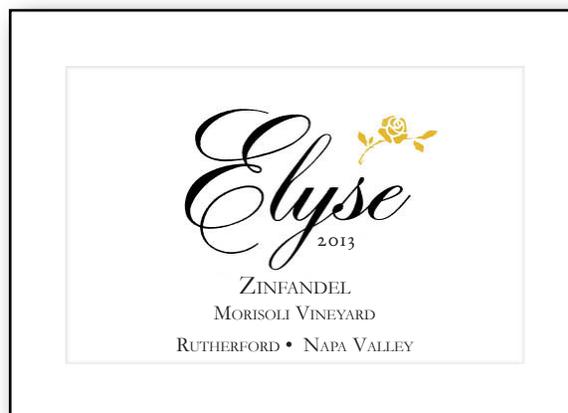


2013

ZINFANDEL

MORISOLI VINEYARD
RUTHERFORD • NAPA VALLEY



Harvest Dates: 9/11, 9/19
Grape Source: Chavez Leeds and Morisoli Vineyard
Blend: 87% Zinfandel, 13% combination of Alicante Bouschet, Durif, Carignane, Grand Noir, Muscat Hamburg, Négrette, Syrah, and Valdiguié... or TLTL (Too Long To List).
Harvest Brix: 25.4° and 26.6°
Maceration: 14 day native-yeast fermentation
Aging: 10½ months in American oak (24% new)
pH: 3.62
TA: 5.72 g/L
Alcohol: 14.6%
Production: 1,986 cases (12 pack – 750mL)

TASTING NOTES:

We have been making Zinfandel from the Morisoli Vineyard since 1986 and have been the only producer working with these grapes since 1988. The old field-blend vines, Rutherford Bench terroir, and traditional farming practices always create a truly distinctive style of Zinfandel.

Absolutely a “house favorite” wine here at Elyse this vintage has wowed us once again. The 2013 Morisoli Zinfandel is aromatically teasing with scents of crushed berries, violets, bacon and cinnamon. It is lush all the way across the palate with bright but deep flavors of raspberry, blackberry and cassis with a creamy texture and ripe, leathery sweet tannins. This wine shows great depth and a long pleasing finish. Really, really good!

This wine is extremely food friendly. Try it with a peppered steak, osso buco, rich tomato dishes, pasta, or a selection of cheeses.

THE VINEYARD:

The vineyard is located between Niebaum and Manley Lanes, at the base of Mt. Saint John and in the heart of the Rutherford Bench. This area has a worldwide reputation for growing great Cabernet Sauvignon. The light, dusty, gravely soil here produces grapes with vibrant flavor and impeccable balance. The resulting wines express equal parts power and finesse. An Elyse wine from this vineyard will have great longevity but is also very drinkable when released. Each year, since 1986, we produce a Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel from this very special place in Napa Valley.

“A meal with wine is dining - it’s a conversation, an event. It’s what wine is all about.”
- Ray Coursen, Winemaker & Owner



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