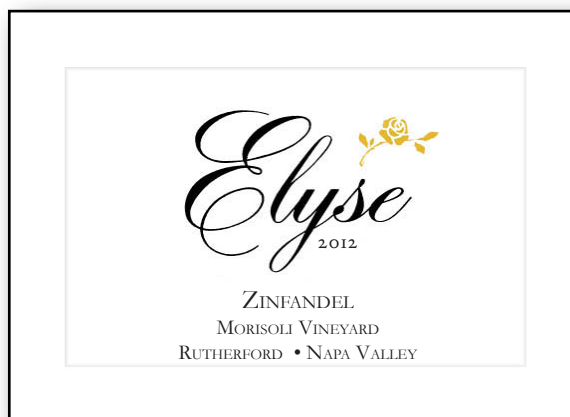


2012 ZINFANDEL

MORISOLI VINEYARD RUTHERFORD



HARVEST DATES:	9/25, 10/2, 10/5
GRAPE SOURCE:	Morisoli Vineyard and Chavez-Leeds Vineyard
BLEND:	92% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah, and 4% combination of Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Durif, Grand Noir, Muscat Hamburg, Négrette, Syrah, and Valdiguié... or TLTL (Too Long To List).
HARVEST BRIX:	24.0°, 24.8°, and 25.6°
MACERATION:	14 day native-yeast fermentation
AGING:	10. months in American oak (20% new)
pH:	3.60
TA:	0.69 g/100mL
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PRODUCTION:	1,029 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 Zinfandel. This 2012 bottling is one of our favorites to date. It is dark crimson red in color with vibrant aromas of crushed berries, violets, mint and cinnamon. The palate is complex and layered with flavors of briary red and black fruit, boysenberry, smoked bacon, wild herbs, plum and a surprising hint of minerality. This wine shows great finesse with rich yet buoyant fruit and terrific overall balance. Classic Morisoli!

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:

Morisoli Vineyard is located in the heart of the Rutherford Bench, between Niebaum and Manley Lanes, at the base of Mount Saint John. This area has a worldwide reputation for producing complex, distinctive and ageworthy wines. The unique terroir consists of well drained, light, dusty, gravelly soil that produces grapes with vibrant flavor and impeccable balance. The resulting wines express equal parts power and finesse. This historic vineyard has been meticulously farmed by the Morisoli family for over a century. Each year, since 1986, we have been fortunate to 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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