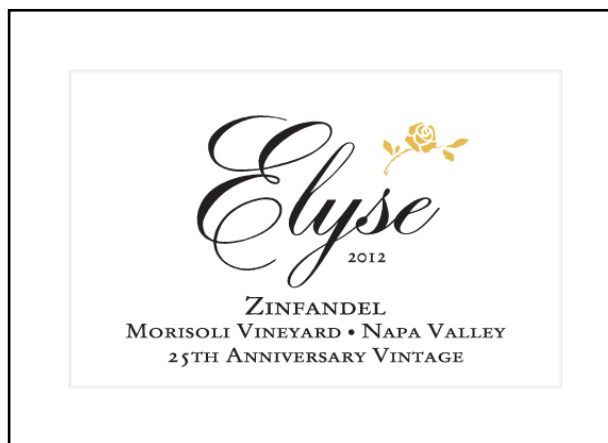


2012

ZINFANDEL  
25TH ANNIVERSARY VINTAGE

MORISOLI VINEYARD  
RUTHERFORD • NAPA VALLEY



HARVEST DATES:	9/25
GRAPE SOURCE:	Morisoli Vineyard
BLEND:	75% Zinfandel and 25% combination of Alicante Bouschet, Carignane, Durif, Grand Noir, Muscat Hamburg, Négrette, Syrah, and Valdiguié... or TLTL (Too Long To List).
HARVEST BRIX:	24.6°
MACERATION:	14 day native-yeast fermentation
AGING:	10½ months in American oak (25% new)
PH:	3.51
TA:	0.70 g/100mL
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
PRODUCTION:	174 cases (12 pack – 750mL)

## TASTING NOTES:

To celebrate our 25th harvest of Morisoli Vineyard Zinfandel, we created a one-of-a-kind wine from the oldest block in the vineyard. The same block that helped launch Elyse way back in 1987.

### Tasting Notes:

Wow! This bright ruby colored wine opens with a nose of wild berries and exotic spices. Aromas of raspberries, lavender, tangerine, allspice, black pepper, and molasses greet the taster. Hints of game, smoke, and nutmeg are also apparent. The wine sings and dances with flavors of wild plum, Bing cherries, raspberries, blood orange, and savory spices. Lush and seamless on the palate, this unique Zinfandel displays amazing balance and complexity as it finishes with wisps of sweet oak and spice.

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

This wine will cellar beautifully for a good 8 to 12 years.

## HISTORY AND TRADITION:

Swiss-Italian immigrants were some of the first people to farm wine grapes in California. They are noted to have planted “field blend” vineyards which contained many varieties including both wine and table grapes. The Morisoli Heritage Vineyard block, originally planted in the late 1800s to predominately Zinfandel, is one of the precious few vineyards of this type left in the state. This special bottling honors that legacy as well as the memories of Plinio and Clementine Morisoli who began farming a small ranch in Rutherford that has become the cornerstone vineyard of Elyse Winery. Salute!

“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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