



2022 Morisoli Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest & Growing Season: A moderate growing season in Rutherford, from bud break through September 1st, was abruptly interrupted by a five-day heat spike, pushing temperatures into the 115-degree range. Thanks to vigorous vine canopies and strategic irrigation, the fruit remained healthy. Harvest occurred on September 15th, 2022 at 26.5 Brix. This additional time after the heat wave allowed for a recovery period that preserved acidity and flavor development.

Vines & Farming: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Morisoli Vineyard, Rutherford AVA. The vines are all bilateral, cordon trained and were planted in 1992 on Clone 7/8 using 110R & 1103P rootstocks. The vineyard is farmed by the Morisoli Family as it has been since 1902. Gary, Melody, and their son Chris Morisoli use original tractors and vintage implements to farm the old way. A French plow is used to remove weeds around the vines instead of using sprays, and the vineyard is disced regularly to maintain moisture in the soil. Irrigation is used sparingly during the summer to maintain vine health during heat spells. Harvest is completed in the early morning by hand using the same crew, year to year. Cover crops of plow-down legumes (Sweet Peas, Vetch and Fava Beans) are planted to return nitrogen and other nutrients to the soil every year after harvest and sub soil ripping.



Vinification: The harvested fruit was inoculated and underwent two to three pump-overs daily during a 22-day maceration. During draining and pressing, the wine exhibited a beautiful ruby hue and a rounded, plush body. Barrel aging lasted 27 months in 65% new French oak barrels from Maury and Seguin Moreau. The nose is vibrant with notes of strawberry rhubarb and fresh plums, while finely grained tannins and crushed violets create an elegant finish.



Bottled Wine Analysis: 14.7% alcohol, 6.1 g/l TA & 3.7 pH.

Cases Produced: 210 x 750 ml Standard /
10 x 1.5L Magnums / 8 x 3L Double Magnums.

Label: The front label features an illustration of our original 1934 Cletrac Tractor pulling a cultivator. The logo features a disc blade, which is central to the tilling of the land every year, as well as the way vineyard blocks are marked. On the back label, near the bottom, two subtle “grid coordinates” represent both the Vineyard and the Zaray-Panjwaji region in Afghanistan. This region is known as the area resulting in the most traumatic injuries of the war in Afghanistan. Our goal is to continue to donate a portion of the proceeds to foundations helping combat injured servicemembers.

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