



MARTINELLI
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Martinelli Road Zinfandel | Russian River Valley 2018

GROWING YEAR

The 2018 season was much calmer than 2017, due to the absence of extra rain and heat spikes we experienced in 2017. The moderate temperature in the spring and summer allowed for a longer growing season and full flavor development. There was plenty of water in the soil to carry the clusters through the long growing season with minimal dehydration. Our first day of harvest in 2018 was September 10th, compared with an August 26th start in 2017. It was nice that the production crew could enjoy the Labor Day holiday right before the long hours and hard work of harvest began.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

This wine is made from select barrels of our Single Vineyard Zinfandels, and is comprised of a combination of Jackass Hill clone and Jackass Vineyard clone. We have created this wine to showcase the characteristics of these century old Zinfandel vines, and how they thrive in the Russian River Valley. Our vineyards are 100% sustainably farmed by Lee Martinelli Sr., and his two sons.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Martinelli Road Zinfandel has an energetic nose with aromas of strawberry, vanilla and black tea. The entry is mouthwatering with sweet flavors of pomegranate and blackberry. Well-rounded on the palate, flavors of sweet leather and raspberry linger in the finish.



Winemaker:
Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 46