



Giuseppe & Luisa Zinfandel | Russian River Valley 2019

GROWING YEAR

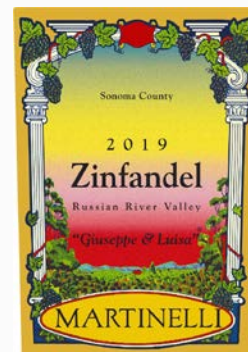
Heavy rainfall and floods dominated late winter and early Spring 2019. This rain pushed bud break into late March and early April. Both April and May were cool which slowed down the growth in the vines and stretched out ripening. The summer was very temperate, with a bit of heat just before harvest to help push the flavors. Overall we were around 10 days later in all stages from bud break to harvest than in the 2018 vintage. This long growing season allowed for full and rich flavor development.

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Giuseppe and Luisa Martinelli planted three acres of Zinfandel in the Russian River Valley in the 1880s. The old vineyard is now known as Jackass Hill and remains the steepest non-terraced hillside vineyard in Sonoma County. Nearly one century later Giuseppe and Luisa's grandson, Lee Martinelli Sr., followed in their footsteps by planting a Zinfandel vineyard. He grafted bud wood from the centurion vines onto low-vigor rootstocks and planted them one meter by two meters apart, equating to about 2,000 vines per acre, on a rocky knoll above the Martinelli Winery Tasting Room in Russian River Valley.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Giuseppe & Luisa Zinfandel has a bright nose with comforting aromas of raspberry compote, warm vanilla and white peach. Mouthwatering upon entry, the palate does not disappoint. Lush layers of juicy raspberry, red plum and nectarine fill your mouth while light barrel spice flavors linger in the long, fresh finish.



2018 Vintage

- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 93 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2017 Vintage

- 93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 96 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

2016 Vintage

- 95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 93 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

Winemaker:
Courtney Wagoner
Consulting Winemaker:
Erin Green

Case Production: 1,653