



**MARTINELLI**  
ESTABLISHED IN THE 1880'S



## Jackass Vineyard Zinfandel | Russian River Valley 2019

### GROWING YEAR

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The 2019 season was overall very cool with record rainfall for Sonoma County in February. The vines however were not affected by this because they were still dormant at the time. Similar to the 2018 season, spring and summer were moderate in temperature and ripening developed gradually and under minimal stress. This year was in fact so similar to 2018 that we began harvest the same day, on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately another wildfire hit the region at the end of October, but luckily none of our vineyards were affected. The winery and many employees were evacuated, but we were able to keep an eye on the new vintage with a skeleton crew. The quality was not impacted and we are very excited at the concentration of flavors in this vintage.

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

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This eight acre vineyard was planted in the early 1800s, which makes it our oldest vineyard, and is located just south of our famed Jackass Hill Vineyard. These old, head pruned vines are farmed much the same way as they were a century ago; without the use of trellising, irrigation, or pesticides. Common to this area, it has both Goldridge and Franciscan soil types.

### TASTING NOTES

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Intense aromas of red raspberry, cinnamon stick and fresh herbs are found in the nose. Balanced tannins are present in the mouth along with juicy flavors of black cherry and raspberry preserves. The finish lingers with a hint of baking spice and profound depth.



#### 2019 Vintage

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

#### 2018 Vintage

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

#### 2017 Vintage

- 94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous
- 94 points - Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

Winemaker:

Courtney Wagoner

Consulting Winemaker:

Erin Green

Case Production: 242 cases