



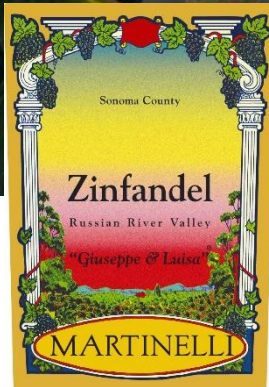
MARTINELLI

ESTABLISHED IN THE 1880'S

ZINFANDEL

GIUSEPPE & LUISA • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2022



2022 VINTAGE

93 points – Erin Brooks, Wine Advocate

92 points – Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck

2021 VINTAGE

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WINEMAKING DETAILS

Fermentation: 100% neutral French Oak; 100% Malolactic; on the lees with daily battonage

Oak: 40% new French Oak,
60% neutral French Oak, 11 months

Case Production: 1426

VINEYARD DETAILS

Soil Type: Huichica soil, Clay, hard pan

Rootstock: 420, 101-14, 3309

Clones: Jackass Hill

GROWING YEAR

The 2022 growing season was full of ups and downs, keeping our winemaking team on their toes. The season started out with ideal conditions with early rains helping to push bud break into Spring. While we encountered instances of shatter (a grape berry fails to develop because of incomplete pollination) due to frost, this was limited to specific vineyards. Meticulous attention was given to addressing this issue, as we diligently assessed each block and thinned any clusters affected by shatter. Thankfully, the summer months offered the optimal combination of warm days and perfectly cool nights. However, Labor Day weekend launched what has been marked as one of the most heat-intensive 7-day periods on record for Sonoma County, resulting in a significant number of vineyards reaching their ripening stage simultaneously.

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

Enchanting aromas of raspberries, white nectarine, and a hint of baking spice fill your nose. The brightened entry has flavors of succulent raspberry and stone fruit. The mid-palate hits you with crisp expressive notes of red cherries, followed by a long mouthwatering finish with a dash of pastry cream.