

ZINFANDEL

2023 Monte Rosso Vineyard • Sonoma County

The new era of Ravenswood Winery was built on the foundation of the brand's rich history and heritage with California Zinfandel, respecting the philosophy of its founder Joel Peterson while crafting enduring Ravenswood Zinfandel for a modern audience. As an iconic producer with a storied legacy dating back to 1976, Ravenswood offers consumers an inviting opportunity to discover or reconnect with Zinfandel.

About The Wine

This Monte Rosso Vineyard Zinfandel showcases the composed maturity, hallmark elegance and classic structure of this iconic site. Beautifully balanced in all its elements, this well-developed expression demonstrates the richness and refinement of the variety. The smooth palate opens with dense, layered notes of plum, strawberry, dark cherry, black pepper, savory spice and berries, blending with a touch of iron-like minerality. Hints of baked pie crust and vanilla, reflections of French oak aging, add a measure of articulation and depth before the wine's long, lingering finish.

Viticulture Notes

Monte Rosso Vineyard is one of California's most legendary sites. First planted in 1886 by Emmanuel Goldstein and acquired by Napa Valley pioneer Louis M. Martini in 1938, Monte Rosso is a revered spot for winemakers and collectors alike. Perched on a southwest-facing slope of Moon Mountain, Monte Rosso's iron-rich red volcanic soils and 1,300-foot elevation combine for an unforgettable experience in the glass. Founder Joel Peterson has a long connection to Monte Rosso, having personally negotiated with Louis P. Martini in the early 1990s to purchase Zinfandel off the site.

Winemaking Notes

Ravenswood is driven by a desire to craft Zinfandel of striking character with a distinct point of view. To showcase the iconic Monte Rosso Vineyard Zinfandel, our winemakers used small open-top tanks, 3–4-day cold soaks and cool fermentation temperatures to increase concentration, richness and complexity while retaining balanced structure. A small amount of Petite Sirah was added to enhance dark fruit notes. Aging for 12 months in 40% new French oak barrels adds a touch of caramel on the nose, rounds out the palate and increases the weight.

Tech Notes

VARIETAL CONTENT: 94% Zinfandel, 6% Petite Sirah

VARIETAL ORIGIN: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 15.7%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.8g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.4g/L

PH: 3.59

