

# DUTTON *Goldfield*

2000  
Morelli Lane Vineyard  
**ZINFANDEL**  
Russian River Valley

**APPELLATION**  
Russian River Valley

**VINEYARDS**  
Morelli Lane Vineyard

**ALCOHOL**  
14.5%

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY**  
.69

**PH**  
3.74

**WINEMAKING**  
Open top fermentation,  
cold soak, manual punch  
down twice daily

**BARREL AGING**  
10 months in French oak  
(45% new barrels)

**WINEMAKER**  
Dan Goldfield

**CASES PRODUCED**  
240

## **THE VINEYARDS**

Morelli Lane Zinfandel is a unique planting located at the top of a ridge, just east of the town of Occidental on the far western edge of the Russian River Valley Appellation. This century-old, dry farmed, head trained 1.5-acre block is all that's left of an original vineyard planted by the area's early Italian settlers over 100 years ago. Left unfarmed for years, the Duttons revived the vineyard in 1995 and its fruit now enables us to provide this special limited bottling of old vine Zinfandel. This cool, coastal site produces a Zin of exceptional fruit concentration, moderate alcohol, and bright acid backbone.

## **WINEMAKING**

Our vision for Russian River Zinfandel is a wine with a personality and ebullience coming from its place of origin; so our winemaking strives to preserve the character of this special vineyard without too much interference. We cold soak and ferment this wine in a small open top fermenter to maintain supple tannins and sweet fruit. We age in only French oak to enhance spice and complexity, and choose the wood to subtly enhance the fruit character. The wine is racked once in early spring to marry the individual barrel contributions, and to help clarify it for unfiltered bottling. It was bottled in the fall after spending approximately 11 months in wood.

## **THE WINE**

The 2000 vintage well showcases the best of the Morelli Lane Vineyard. The wine is defined by berry - bright, crystalline, luscious raspberry and blackberry fruit are at the center of both the aromas and flavors of this wine. This dense core of fruit is showcased within a robe of sweet tannins and candied spice overtones. Our goal is to produce a food friendly Zin, with exceptional balance and beauty. We feel the 2000 Morelli Lane offering is a step in the right direction.