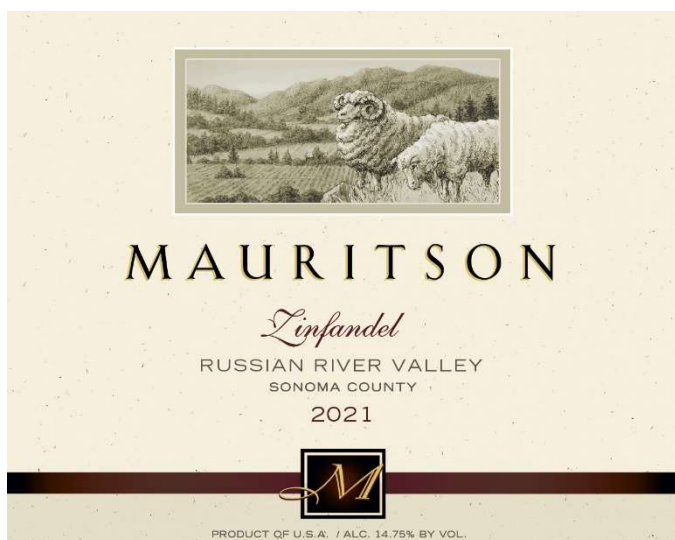




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2021 Mauritsen Zinfandel *Russian River Valley*

Production:	269 cases
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Composition:	97% Zinfandel 3% Petite Sirah
Grower Vineyards:	Maffei
Alcohol:	14.75% by volume
Aging:	15 months 100% French Oak

Winemakers' Perspective

At the time of bud break in late March, we had only received about 20 percent of our annual rainfall, so many growers early on adjusted their farming practices accordingly. This meant dropping fruit earlier in the season to keep the vines strong through to the end and refraining from aggressive fruit exposure.

Despite the drier growing season, the ripening period that falls between mid-August to late October was nearly flawless. Long warm Fall days meant picking decisions could be scheduled in the absence of haste. Grapes patiently hung on the vines, waiting to be harvested at their ultimate balance of flavor, freshness and intensity.

The resulting Zinfandels of the 2021 vintage are simply transcendent ~ seductive and precise with incredible depth and sophistication.

This Russian River Zinfandel exudes detailed aromas of ripe blackberry flesh, kirsch, cocoa shavings and nuanced sweet floral notes. It's bright and energetic on the entry, leading to a core of explosive exotic wild berry with alluring Earl Grey tea leaf notes. Polished tannins provide a persistent finish. Plan to enjoy it for the next 7-10 years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritsen
Owner

Emma Kudritzki Hall
Winemaker