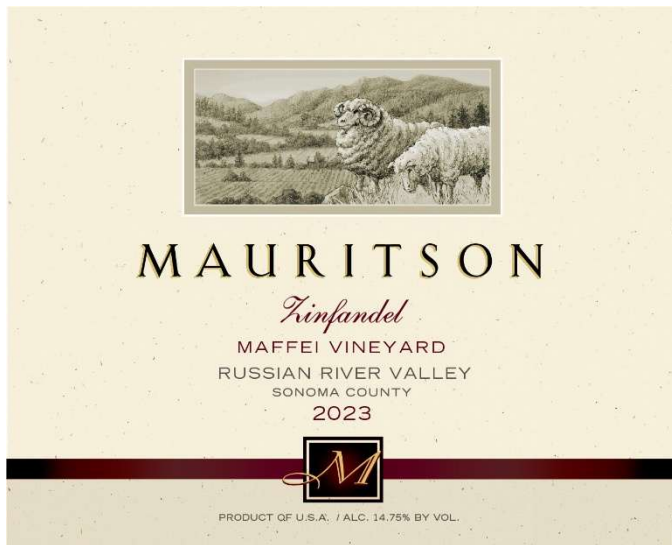




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2023 Mauritsen Zinfandel Maffei Vineyard Russian River Valley

Production:	267 cases
Appellation:	Russian River Valley
Composition:	95% Zinfandel 5% Petite Sirah
Grower Vineyards:	Maffei
Alcohol:	14.75% by volume
Aging:	15 months 100% French Oak

Winemakers' Perspective

The weather in 2023 transported us back to the much cooler growing seasons of the late 1990s and early 2000s ~ a big shift from the past 10 years of warmer and drier growing seasons. That previous trend had caused us to make incremental adjustments to our farming practices to accommodate an earlier harvest in August, the warmest part of the growing season.

The milder summer of 2023 instead pushed harvest to October and meant we didn't have to hasten any vineyard decisions, so flavor, color and tannin were formed in abundance in the grapes. Cooler fermentation temperatures and lighter maceration techniques also helped create wines of perfect freshness, incredible hue and structure and an intensity of detail that will continue to provide reward as they evolve.

This release is our second vintage from this historic single vineyard that embraces – and amplifies ~ all the classic characteristics of old-vine Russian River Valley Zinfandel: dazzling wild bramble fruit, incredible freshness and silky tannins. The wine is bright and energetic on the entry, leading to a core of exotic berry with alluring black tea leaf notes. Polished tannins provide a persistent finish. Plan to enjoy this wine for the next 7-10 years, as it reveals its longevity and exquisite beauty.

Cheers,

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