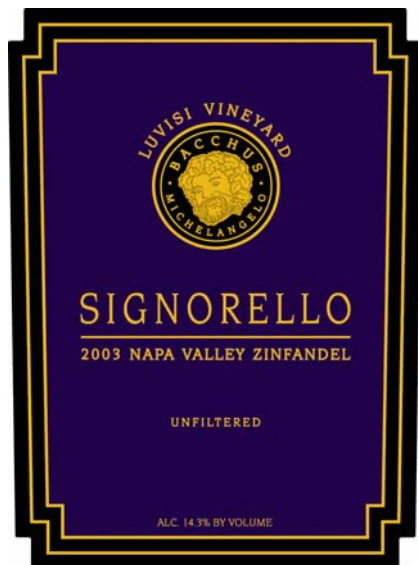


2003 ZINFANDEL “LUVISI VINEYARD”



100 % Zinfandel
Harvested at 26 Brix on September 23, 2003
14.7% Alcohol
0.63 TA 3.73 pH
206 Cases Produced
Release Date: February 2, 2005

2003 Harvest Report: The general consensus among Napa Valley vintners and growers is that the 2003 growing season is one that they will not soon forget. Early rains and late heat spikes contributed to lower overall yields, but produced a vintage with high quality, great color concentration and intensity of flavors. The unpredictable nature of 2003 growing season began with a couple of early heat spikes in March, followed by the wettest April on record. Many felt that the first half of spring was the nastiest first half they had ever seen! As the season progressed, it looked as if there was going to be a late harvest, but a number of very warm days in the middle of summer helped push maturity along and we were suddenly predicting an early completion.

WINEMAKING NOTES: Our goal is to make classic California Zinfandel using traditional French techniques that enhance fruit character and balance. We lightly crushed and destemmed the grapes, fermented and pumped over 3 times daily. The must was pressed at dryness and aged for 13 months in barrels. We used 40% new oak, a combination of French and American.

TASTING NOTES: Ruby red in color with an impression of roundness & fullness on the palate followed by ripe and rich provocative flavors of black cherry, currant, dark plum and a touch of pepper and spice balanced by a refreshing acidity and smooth multi-layered long desirable finish. Drink ability: 2005 – 2014.

VINEYARD NOTES: Our Zinfandel grapes are sourced from the “Luvisi Vineyard” located on the Silverado Trail, in the Calistoga region of the Napa Valley. These old vines were planted back in the early 1900’s on rugged terrain. Because of the vines’ age and the marginal soils, the crop yield remains low. This old vineyard produces fruit with intense flavors that make this wine truly special!

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