



MERLO FAMILY

ESTATE VINEYARDS

2021 Zinfandel

Trinity, California



Growing Season:

The Merlo Family Vineyards are located on the riverbanks of the wild and scenic South Fork of the Trinity River. Surrounded by 8000 ft. mountains on all sides, the vineyards are higher than most California vineyards at 1,250 feet. The valley floor consists of alluvial soils, allowing for excellent drainage and producing elegant yet complex flavors. The surrounding hillsides are composed of shallow native clay which helps to create bold, well-structured wines. The growing season is three to four weeks later than that of Sonoma or Napa, allowing for a slower ripening and increased hang time creating full, concentrated flavors with over ripening or depleting the natural acids.

Tasting Notes:

This well-balanced wine offers notes of black cherry compote, licorice, chocolate, fresh violets, black plum jam, fresh and dried black currant, black olive, black pepper, prune and dried mission fig.

Wine Enthusiast 88 Points, \$35.00

Enology

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Aging: French/American Oak, 18 months

pH: 3.56 **TA:** 6.8 Gr/Lt. **ALC:** 14.5%

Production: 500 gal **Release:** Feb 2024