

2013

PELLEGRINI

MAFFEI VINEYARD

Zinfandel

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY



ALC. 14.6% BY VOL.

2013 PELLEGRINI “MAFFEI VINEYARD” ZINFANDEL
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HARVEST October 15th, 2013
BOTTLING March 19th, 2015

ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING
ALCOHOL 14.6% | TA 6.45 g/L | PH 3.52

— VINEYARD NOTES —

The Maffei Vineyard was originally planted in the 1928 by Italian immigrants Umberto and Maria Maffei and is preserved by their granddaughter and our neighbor, Joanne Maffei. The Maffei vineyard is located on Olivet Road, contiguous with our Olivet Lane Estate. Here, in the heart of the Russian River Valley, is where Zinfandel expresses itself with explosive fruit intensity along with spirited acidity. This head-trained, old-vine Zinfandel vineyard is registered by the Historic Vineyard Society.

— WINEMAKING —

Gentle handling methods are used to preserve the striking spicy aromas and bright raspberry flavors of this Zinfandel. The fruit is hand-harvested and then hand-sorted. The destemmed fruit is tipped into small open-top fermenters, where it undergoes a pre-fermentation cold soak followed by primary fermentation. The wine is aged for approximately 15 months in neutral French oak barrels.

— TASTING NOTES —

The Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel is an intensely perfumed and sophisticated expression of Russian River Valley Zinfandel. The aroma is a profusion of raspberry and violets, spiced with star anise, allspice, cinnamon, candied ginger and Sichuan peppercorns. Cranberry, red current and boysenberry characterize its energetic flavors, which expand in the mouth, leading to an exceptionally long, mouthwatering finish. The vibrant acidity of the Pellegrini Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel makes it a brilliant companion of rich meats and cheeses. This wine will shine with braised lamb shanks and creamy pastas.