

# 2012 MAI SOLI ZINFANDEL “MCCLONE VINEYARD”

## EL DORADO AVA



### **THE WINE:**

A classic Sierra Foothills Zinfandel produced by one of Zinfandel’s true Pioneers. The wine is 100% Zinfandel from older vines (up to 75 years old), along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Produced in only 58 cases, the grapes were hand-picked from old “head-trained” Zinfandel vines and barrel aged in American oak for 22 months. The vineyard has been certified organic since 2006.

### **THE ESTATE:**

Made by Joe Ramazzotti this wine brings together the “old world” traditions of Italian winemakers and the classic new world style of Zinfandel. Joe and his wife Norma run Ramazzotti Winery in Geyserville, CA which was established in 2002. Joe has been growing Zinfandel grapes for over 50 years in Dry Creek after immigrating to the US from Italy at 7 years old. Joe has earned the reputation as one of the world’s best farmers of the Zinfandel grape and with access to over 5000 acres of Zinfandel vines throughout California he has selected his favorite parcels for the production of his own wines.

### **TASTING NOTES:**

**Color:** Dark ruby.

**Aromas:** Ripe red raspberries, briar bush and white pepper.

**Flavors:** Spicy, rich and velvet-like on the palate. Raspberry fruit with notes of vanilla oak and a herbsy, peppery spice.

**Food Pairing:** BBQ beef ribs in a sweet, tangy sauce.

~Drink now through 2022~