

*Vigneto di Evo*  
**ZINFANDEL**

*This tiny vineyard site is on Martinelli Road in Forestville, where the original family homestead ranch was founded in 1898 and where members of the family still live today. The planting of the vines date back to sometime around the turn-of-the-century. Evo Martinelli was the grandson of Giuseppe & Luisa Martinelli, whom emigrated from Italy and planted the Jackass Hill Zinfandel Vineyard. For five generations Martinelli children have lived and played together along Martinelli Road, scampering through the woods and swimming in the crik. First cousins Lee Martinelli, Sr. and Evo Martinelli were childhood friends and remained so into adulthood. Always having an interest in whatever happens to be growing on a grapevine, Lee, Sr. approached Evo one day and inquired as to what varietals were growing in the little patch of vineyard next to the hay barn. When Evo mentioned Zinfandel, Lee was very enthused and a deal was made. He soon began the caretaking and harvesting of the vines and Evo was thrilled that the grapes were going to a good home. We are fortunate to be able to include these old vines in making wine from one of Sonoma County's oldest Zinfandel vineyards. The "Vigneto di Evo" site lies directly below Jackass Hill, the grandfather of all Zin.*

*The wine is reminiscent of my Noni's blackberry cobbler, covered in brown sugar with a dollop of sweet fresh cream.*

*Winemaker: Helen Turley*

*Assistant Winemaker: Bryan Kvamme*