



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL
15.6%

pH
3.54

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
6.5 g/L

AGED IN OAK
100%, 20% new oak

ORIGIN OF OAK
French

MONTHS IN BARREL
16 months

PRODUCTION
410 cases

2016 FORGOTTEN VINES ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

In honor of the many old Zinfandel vineyards that were overlooked for decades in Sonoma County due to prohibition, our Forgiven Vines blend is comprised of several exemplary mature vineyards. These heritage vineyards were first planted in the late 1800s and early 1900s in the warmer reaches of the region. Planted as field blends, Zinfandel is the primary varietal planted, but not the only varietal. Petite Sirah, Carignane, Alicante Bouchet and even some native vines can also be found in some of the vineyards. The vineyards are harvested separately and remain separate throughout fermentation and aging until the final Forgiven Vines blend is crafted.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Following careful cluster sorting, the must is fermented in a combination of small French oak vats and stainless-steel tanks. The wine is gently pressed off and aged in French oak barrels, 20% new. The components are then hand selected by our winemakers and blended together for exceptional richness, complexity and old-vine character.

TASTING NOTES

From the glass, our 2016 Forgiven Vines Zinfandel is bursting with aromas of blackberry, strawberry and a hint of black pepper. Bold flavors of dark berry fruits and Asian spices lead to a medium-plus body and a rich, dense mouthfeel. Firm yet luscious tannins ensure that this wine will age nicely over time.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker