



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION

Fountaingrove District
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL

16%

PH

3.39

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.7 g/l

AGED IN OAK

100% Oak
10% New Oak

ORIGIN OF OAK

French Oak

MONTHS IN BARREL

10 months



2016 RIEBLI VALLEY ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

Planted to a mix of Zinfandel and a few Petite Sirah vines in the late 1800s in the new Fountaingrove District AVA, just 10 miles east of our winery, the Riebli Valley Vineyard has been farmed using organic methods for over a century. The old vines have dwarfed with age. They benefit from a microclimate of breezy winters and hot summers that, together with native flora, discourage fungal infestations and allow for minimal intervention in the vineyard.

The 2016 vintage in Sonoma County was the earliest harvested vintage to date. A hot and dry summer led to developed fruit and rich, ripe, concentrated flavors and exceptional quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Winemaking is made easy by the small, open-clustered, thick-skinned fruit. The grapes go through native fermentation in open-top vats with hand punchdowns occurring twice a day, after which the must is basket-pressed and barrel-aged 10 months in French oak, 10% new. A small amount of Petite Sirah is blended with the Zinfandel to add complexity, but is first fermented & aged separately. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in to barrel, and racked only once prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A striking, deep purple color in the glass, our 2016 Riebli Valley Vineyard Zinfandel opens with rich aromatics of black cherry, blackberry and a hint of violet. Flavors of raspberry, blueberry, brown sugar and allspice burst on the palate and lead to a full-bodied mouthfeel. A dense yet well-balanced tannin structure creates a long, lingering finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

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Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker