



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



APPELLATION  
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL  
16%

pH  
3.53

TITRATABLE ACIDITY  
6.7 g/L

AGED IN OAK  
100%

20% New Oak

ORIGIN OF OAK  
French

MONTHS IN BARREL  
10

CASES PRODUCED  
205



## 2016 RUE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

### IN THE VINEYARD

Located in the Russian River Valley, the 10-acre century-old Rue Vineyard is perfectly situated just off of Wood Road and meticulously dry-farmed by Bob and Carlene Rue. The soil is a sandy loam with a low pH that allows the planted ancient vines to produce small Zinfandel berries with concentrated flavors.

The vineyard is impacted by the cooling influences of the Pacific Ocean to the west and the evening fog that is common in the Russian River Valley. Purchased by the Rues in 1973 – the vines were planted on the phylloxera-resistant St. George rootstock and were originally all head pruned. Over the years, the family has raised the vines to chest height for increased sun exposure and even ripening.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Winemaking is made easy by the small, open-clustered, thick-skinned fruit. The grapes go through wild 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, 20% new. A small percentage of Alicante Bouschet added to the final blend brings forth herbal and pepper notes in this intense Zinfandel.

### TASTING NOTES

A deep red in the glass, our 2016 Rue Vineyard Zinfandel is bursting with aromas of blackberry, dark plum and a hint of spice. On the palette, this wine offers flavors of black cherry and black raspberry with a touch of soft licorice. The dense tannins lead to a full, luxurious mouthfeel and a long, lingering finish.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker