



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Russian River Valley

**Alcohol**  
16%

**pH**  
3.40

**Titrateable Acidity**  
6.8 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100% French oak,  
15% new oak

**Months in Barrel**  
18

**Production**  
309 Cases



## 2016 SAITONE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

### IN THE VINEYARD

One of the oldest remaining vineyards in the Olivet Rd region of the Russian River Valley, Saitone was planted in 1895 by Antonio Saitone. Located just under a mile from the DeLoach estate, the head pruned vines are farmed without trellising or irrigation and produce tiny, concentrated berries that can take until the end of October to fully ripen.

Of the nearly 17 acres of old vines planted, Zinfandel and Alicante Bouschet are the most abundant while French Colombard, Petit Bouschet and Grand Noir can be found sprinkled among the various blocks. Typical of the time period in which the vineyard was planted, wines produced from the vineyard tend to largely be field blends comprised of a dominant varietal (usually Zinfandel) that is accompanied by smaller amounts of the various varietals that were picked simultaneously and co-fermented.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand-harvested between September 19 and October 8 and fermented in both closed and open-top vats using techniques that encourage the natural spice and fruit characteristics found in Zinfandel. The wine was aged for 18 months in 15% new French oak before being bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Saitone Vineyard Zinfandel presents with a stunning magenta color in the glass and aromas of fresh plum and strawberry with hints of cocoa and smoked meat. On the palate, rich flavors of blueberry, baking spices and toasted oak lead to a round, full body. Soft tannins are complimented by well-balanced acid and a long dazzling finish.

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker