



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
Fountaingrove District
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL
16%

pH
3.60

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
6.4 g/l

AGED IN OAK
50% new French oak for
10 months

2017 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 2017 vintage in Sonoma County started off with record setting rainfalls followed by heat spikes throughout the summer including two over Labor Day weekend which really kicked harvest off. The grapes for this wine were picked September 26.

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, 50% new. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in barrel, and racked only once prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Riebli Valley Zinfandel is a stunning deep purple in the glass with dark fruit aromas of black cherry, blackberry and fresh cracked pepper. Intensely spreading across the palate are flavors of raspberry, blueberry, allspice and a touch of violet. This is a full-bodied wine with well-balanced tannins and notes of maple on the finish.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker