



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*Zinfandel*

**FORGOTTEN VINES**

SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE 2018

#### 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, primarily Saitone, Boshcetti and Battaligni, 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 open top vats before aging for 17 months. The components are hand selected by our winemaker and blended together for exceptional richness, complexity and old-vine character.

#### TASTING NOTES

Dark fruit aromas greet the nose in this Zinfandel from Sonoma County. High-toned red berry flavors are met with cinnamon, nutmeg and jammy notes on the concentrated palate. Intense with firm tannins, the finish lingers with a touch of black pepper.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:  
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.36

TA: 7.1 g/L

AGING: 25% new French oak

MONTHS IN BARREL: 17

