



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*Zinfandel*

SAITONE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE 2018

#### 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 on October 4 and fermented in both closed and open-top vats using techniques that encourage the natural spice and fruit characteristics found in Zinfandel.

#### TASTING NOTES

A lovely garnet-purple in the glass, this Zinfandel opens with raspberry preserve aromas mixed with cassis and smoky bay leaf. Jammy blackberry and baked cherry flavors are layered with notes of spice, dust and a hint of licorice. This is a full-bodied wine with a dense mouthfeel and sweet tannins.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:  
Russian River Valley,  
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.27

TA: 7.5 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,  
20% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 17

