



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Sonoma County

**Harvest Date**  
10/24/11

**Alcohol**  
14.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.37

**Titratable Acidity**  
6.42 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~12% New Oak~

**Origin of Oak**  
French, Hungarian, American

**Months in Barrel**  
14

**Production**  
125 Cases



## 2011 RIEBLI VALLEY ZINFANDEL

### *In the Vineyard*

Planted to a mix of Zinfandel and a few Petite Sirah vines in the late 1800s in the Mark West district of the Mayacama foothills 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, allowing for minimal intervention in the vineyard.

### *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. Some Petite Sirah is blended with the Zinfandel to add complexity, but first they are fermented & aged separately with the Petite Sirah getting more new oak. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in to barrel, and racked several times.

### *Tasting Notes*

This Zinfandel showcases a beautiful, dark opulent color in the glass. The richness of blackberry pie with the focused flavors of maple wood and griddle cakes unfold slowly and a hint of blood orange surprises the palate. The aromatic intensity and tannin structure promises an age-worthy wine.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker