



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



### Appellation

Sonoma County

### Alcohol

15.0% by volume

pH  
3.80

### Titrateable Acidity

6.10 g/L

### Aged in Oak

100%  
~15% New~

### Origin of Oak

French, Hungarian, American

### Months in Barrel

13

### Production

397 cases

# 2012 FORGOTTEN VINES ZINFANDEL

## In the Vineyard

In honor of the many old Zinfandel vineyards that were overlooked for decades in Sonoma County, 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 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 a combination of small French oak vats and stainless steel tanks. The wine is gently pressed off and aged in barrel, and the components are hand selected by our winemakers for exceptional richness, complexity and old-vine character.

## Tasting Notes

Our 2012 Forgiven Vines Zinfandel opens brilliantly with bright fruit aromatics that are complemented by hints of warm spice and cocoa. Flavors of blackberry, blueberry, currant, tobacco and milk chocolate envelope the palate and lead to an opulent, smooth finish that makes this wine the perfect accompaniment to a variety of barbecue.

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker

