



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Lake County

**Harvest Date**  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Alcohol**  
15.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.55

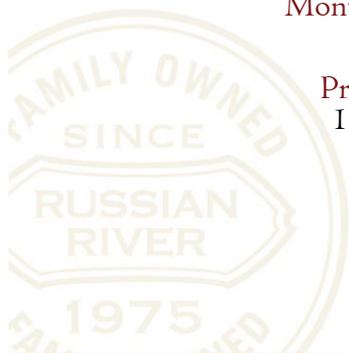
**Titrateable Acidity**  
6.52 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~15% New Oak~

**Origin of Oak**  
American

**Months in Barrel**  
13

**Production**  
150 Cases



## 2012 NOVA VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

### IN THE VINEYARD

Established in the 1960s on a pre-prohibition site using original vine cuttings, the Nova Vineyard is on the benchland of Mount Konocti in Lake County at an altitude of 1,500 feet. The head-trained vines grow in well-drained, deep alluvial volcanic-based soils and have been organically farmed since planting. In 2012, the vineyard was dry-farmed and thinned to approximately four tons per acre. These practices encourage the vines to develop smaller berries with complex, more concentrated flavors.

The 2012 vintage is being described as "excellent," "outstanding" and "ideal" by many, as the wine grape harvest across California yielded generous amounts of high quality fruit. In our vineyards, textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until our treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand-harvested on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and then fermented in both closed and open-top vats using techniques that encourage the natural spice and fruit characteristics found in Zinfandel. The must was then pressed to settle in tank and aerobically racked before being transferred to barrels for aging in 100% American oak, 15% new, for 13 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Nova Vineyard Zinfandel is defined by concentrated flavors of brambly blackberry, sweet plums and cola with just a hint of pepper and spice. The wine has great balance with a medium body and a lingering finish that is an open invitation to taste again and again.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker