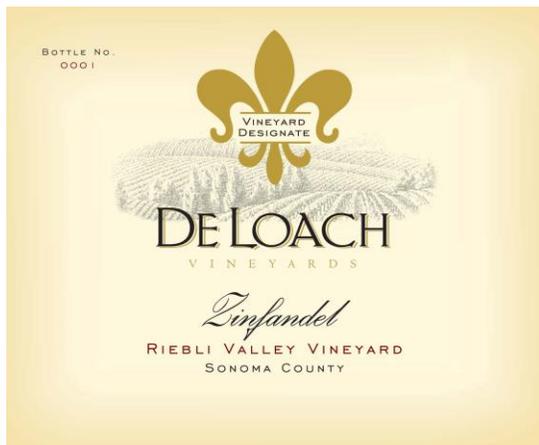




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Sonoma County

Harvest Date
10/13/2012

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.63

Titrateable Acidity
6.10 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%
~15% New Oak~

Origin of Oak
American, Hungarian & French

Months in Barrel
14

Production
150 Cases



2012 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 and allow for minimal intervention in the vineyard.

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

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 14 months in American, Hungarian and French oak, 15% new. Some Petite Sirah is blended with the Zinfandel to add complexity, but first they are fermented & aged separately with the Petite Syrah getting more new oak. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in to barrel, and racked several times.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Riebli Valley Vineyard Zinfandel showcases a rich array of ripe blackberry and blueberry with focused flavors of black currant, cola and a surprising hint of maple all coating the palate. The aromatic intensity and tannin structure promises an age-worthy wine that is still enjoyable in its youth.

Jean Charles Boisset

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Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker