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VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Sonoma County

Alcohol
15.5%

pH
3.58

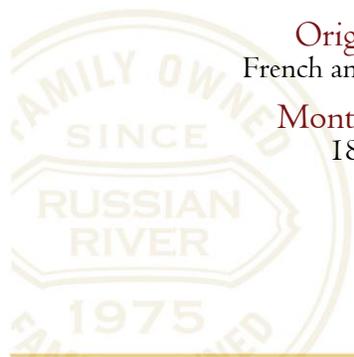
Titratable Acidity
6.10 g/l

Aged in Oak
100% Oak

25% New Oak

Origin of Oak
French and American Oak

Months in Barrel
18 months



2013 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 2013 vintage across Sonoma County was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

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 18 months in American and French oak, 25% 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 2013 Riebli Valley Vineyard Zinfandel offers aromas of ripe blackberry and blueberry with focused flavors that coat the palate of black currant, cola and a touch of maple. The aromatic intensity, rich mouthfeel and tannin structure promises an age-worthy wine that is still enjoyable in its youth.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker