



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Alcohol
14.5%

pH
3.66

Titratable Acidity
5.91 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%

15% New Oak

Origin of Oak
American

Months in Barrel
18

2013 RUE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

In the Vineyard

Located in the Russian River Valley, the 10-acre century-old Rue Vineyard is perfectly situated just off of Wood Road and meticulously farmed by Bob and Carlene Rue. The soil is a sandy loam with a low pH that allows the planted ancient vines to produce small Zinfandel berries with concentrated flavors.

The vineyard is impacted by the cooling influences of the Pacific Ocean to the west and the evening fog that is common in the Russian River Valley. Purchased by the Rue's in 1973 – the vines were planted on the phylloxera resistant St. George rootstock and were originally all head-pruned style. Over the years, the family has raised the vines to chest height for increased sun exposure and even ripening.

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, oak, 15% new.

Tasting Notes

Our 2013 Rue Vineyard Zinfandel offers aromas of wild red fruit, brambles that are enticingly complemented by expressive perfume notes that linger on the nose. A layered and complex palate with flavors of raspberry, black cherry and a touch of spice. This rich, lingering wine is an excellent expression of the Olivet Bench terroir.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker