



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Sonoma County

Alcohol
15%

pH
3.46

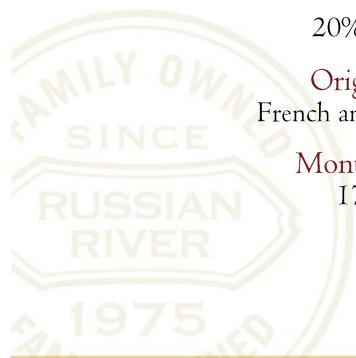
Titrateable Acidity
6.6 g/l

Aged in Oak
100% Oak

20% New Oak

Origin of Oak
French and American Oak

Months in Barrel
17 months



2014 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.

In 2014, a mild winter and spring caused early bud break, although the overall length of the growing season was similar to past years. Following a dry summer, warm days and cool nights helped to gradually ripen fruit leading to small berries with good tannins, flavorful fruit and bright aromatics.

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 17 months in American and French oak, 20% 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

Aromas of brambleberry and blueberry jump out of the glass of our 2014 Riebli Valley Vineyard Zinfandel. Concentrated flavors of raspberry and black currant, espresso and licorice coast the palate in this classic Zinfandel. Dense and spreading, this rich Zinfandel's balanced acidity and strong tannins ensure this to be both immediately enjoyable, but also an age-worthy wine.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker