



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation

Fountaingrove District

Sonoma County

Alcohol

15%

pH

3.28

Titratable Acidity

7.20 g/l

Aged in Oak

100% Oak

40% New Oak

Origin of Oak

French Oak

Months in Barrel

17 months



2015 RIEBLI VALLEY ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

Planted to a mix of Zinfandel and a few Petite Sirah vines in the late 1800s in the new Fountaingrove District AVA, 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 2015 vintage in Sonoma County was the earliest harvested vintage to date. A hot and dry summer led to developed fruit and rich, ripe, concentrated flavors and exceptional quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Winemaking is made easy by the small, open-clustered, thick-skinned fruit. The grapes go through native 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 French oak, 40% new. A small amount of Petite Sirah is blended with the Zinfandel to add complexity, but is first fermented & aged separately. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in to barrel, and racked only once prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A stunning deep purple color in the glass, our 2015 Riebli Valley Vineyard Zinfandel opens with rich aromatics of violet, blackberry and fresh cracked pepper. Intensely spreading across the palate, concentrated flavors of blueberry, raspberry and currant are complemented with a touch of sweet maple on the finish. Dense and well-balanced with great tannin structure, this wine is immediately enjoyable but will also age beautifully over the next 7-8 years.

Jean Charles Boisset

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Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker