



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Alcohol
15%

pH
3.36

Titratable Acidity
6.80 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%

22% New Oak

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
15

Cases Produced
220



2015 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 dry-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 Rues in 1973 – the vines were planted on the phylloxera-resistant St. George rootstock and were originally all head pruned. 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 15 months in French oak, 22% new. A small percentage of Alicante Bouschet added to the final blend brings forth herbal and pepper notes in this intense Zinfandel.

TASTING NOTES

A deep ruby color in the glass, our 2015 Rue Vineyard Zinfandel offers dark aromas of black cherry with savory notes of tobacco leaf. A richly layered palate exhibits brambly flavors of black raspberry and cassis with a hint of soft spice. The dusty, firm tannins and coating mouthfeel lead to a lingering finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

Brian Maloney
Winemaker