



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Zinfandel

MAFFEI VINEYARD

OLIVET BENCH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE 2017

IN THE VINEYARD

The Maffei Vineyard located on Olivet Road in the Russian River Valley is a historic site showcasing old vine Zinfandel. Registered by the Historic Vineyard Society, the gnarly head-trained vines were planted in 1928 by Umberto and Maria Maffei. Now, three generations later, their granddaughter Joanne Maffei manages these vines which continue to produce world-class grapes.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Old vines provide layers of ethereal flavors, but also tend to retain high fruit acidity. We waited to harvest these old vines until September 16th, with the warmer vintage, at the point that acidity was in balance. Clusters are hand sorted, berries destemmed, and fermentation allowed to spontaneously begin with native yeast. High ripeness led to a lengthy fermentation on skins and yielded a rich, dark ruby wine we aged in a mix of French and American oak for 18 months with 30% new.

TASTING NOTES

The Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel opens with a bouquet of aromas of blackberries, black currant, and baking spices. The dark fruit continues through to the palate with high-tone black cherry, dried fruit compote and the touch of leather. This is a big-bodied well-integrated Zinfandel showcasing well-balanced acid and firm tannins.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 17%

PH: 3.57

TA: 6.2 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,
30% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 18

