



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Zinfandel

MAFFEI VINEYARD
OLIVET BENCH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINTAGE 2018

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 October 4, 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.

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant dark fruit aromas with notes of baking spice spring from the glass in this 2018 Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel. Blackberry, ripe plum and black currant flavors are met with a touch of dried fruit compote. This is a full-bodied wine with balanced acidity and juicy tannins and a hint of spice on the long and savory finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.41

TA: 7.0 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,
25% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 16

