



### THE VINEYARDS:

The Russian River Valley is an appellation that offers vintners many blending opportunities. Hook & Ladder's oldest vineyards thrive in the cooler section of our land just west of Santa Rosa. Here the morning fog gently blankets our 100-year old vines and allows the pre-prohibition Zinfandel, Carignane and Alicante Bouschet to ripen to full maturity

### THE GROWING SEASON:

2015 was an exceptionally good year for growing grapes in the Russian River Valley. Coming into the 4th year of drought we expected lower yields but the weather cooperated with a steady temperature causing the fruit to ripen evenly, ensuring maximum flavor development. This was our earliest harvest on record.

### THE WINEMAKING:

For Station Ten, we envisioned a bold, fruit forward, well-structured Zinfandel blend that would pair well with a myriad of dishes. To achieve this we picked grapes from our oldest Zinfandel vines and a small amount of old vine Carignane and Alicante Bouschet from the same vineyard. These were combined with the Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon from our Los Amigos vineyard, to enhance the berry and spice profile of the blend. The varietals were aged separately in European and American oak for over a year before blending and bottling.

### THE WINE:

Station Ten is the fire house in San Francisco from which Cecil De Loach retired. This 2015 Station Ten is a dark brick-red colored Zin blend displaying spicy aromas of dried raspberries, currants, and cinnamon with hints of cloves and nutmeg. Flavors of blackberry, cranberries and powdered cocoa complement the long finish, framed with light white pepper notes. Try this versatile Zinfandel blend with any red meat from the grill or dishes featuring tomato-based sauces.

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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
STATION TEN  
ESTATE BOTTLED  
RED WINE BLEND  
VINTAGE 2015

ALC 14.9% BY VOL

2015 STATION TEN  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

#### BLEND

70% Zinfandel  
11% Petite Sirah  
15% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Carignane  
1% Alicante Bouschet

#### HARVESTED

September 9 - October 1,  
2015

#### ALCOHOL

14.9%

#### TA

.62

#### pH

3.72

CASES PRODUCED 3,945

#### AGING

Fermented individually in  
combination of European  
and American Oak for  
over 12 months.

#### ESTATE BOTTLED

May 14, 2016

#### WINEMAKER

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