



2016 Station Ten

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY RED BLEND

BLEND	86% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Carignane, 1% Alicante Bouschet
HARVESTED	September 23 - October 5, 2016
ALCOHOL	14.8%
TA	.65
pH	3.49
CASES	2,778
AGING	Fermented individually in combination of European and American Oak for over 16 months.
ESTATE BOTTLED	April 10th, 2018



THE VINEYARD

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 GROWTH

2016 was another exceptional year for growing grapes in the Russian River Valley. Coming into the 5th year of drought, the weather cooperated with average summer temperatures causing the fruit to ripen evenly, ensuring maximum flavor development.

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 2016 Station Ten is a deep red velvet colored Zin blend displaying dense aromas of spicey-baked plum and light nutmeg. Flavors of succulent ripe blackberry and dark chocolate compliment this full bodied blend as it finishes with layers of dried currant and trace anise. Try this versatile Zinfandel blend with any red meat from the grill or dishes featuring tomato-based sauces.

