



2016 Zinfandel

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVESTED	September 28- October 6th, 2016
ALCOHOL	15%
TA	.65
pH	3.6
CASES	475
AGING	17 months in European and American Oak. 20% New Oak.
ESTATE BOTTLED	April 11, 2018
WINEMAKER	Jason De Loach



THE VINEYARD

Our Zinfandel is grown in the heart of the Russian River Valley, an area known for producing outstanding Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, and Chardonnay. Coastal fog blankets our fruit almost every morning and evening which allows our Zinfandel to develop its deep character. A large portion (73%) of this Zin is made from our Gambogi vineyards, planted as early as 1909.

THE GROWTH

Despite going into the 5th year of drought, 2016 was another fantastic growing year in the Russian River Valley. Yields were larger than that of 2015 while a slightly cooler August allowed the clusters to mature more slowly and evenly than that vintage, providing great flavor and color development.

THE WINEMAKING

We fermented our Zinfandel in open-top tanks and “punched-down” the skins to extract and express the rich colors and qualities this fruit has to offer. After being pressed, the wine was aged in American Oak barrels for approximately 17 months.

THE WINE

Dark violet-ruby in color, this Zinfandel displays fragrant aromas of raspberry, plum and clove. The bouquet is complemented by a spicy, lush palate with immediate flavors of anise, sweet sunbaked blackberries finishing with notes of mocha and cinnamon.

