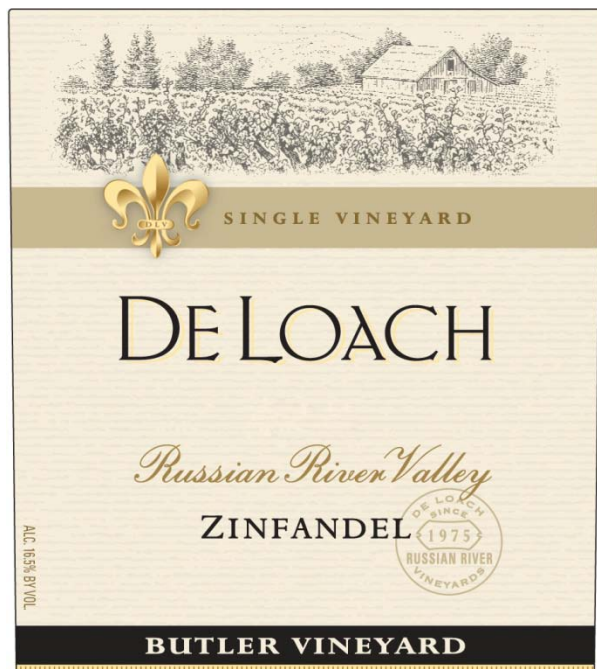




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION:**  
Russian River Valley

**HARVEST DATE:**  
Sept. 12-26, 2008

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.44

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
6.5 g/L

**AGED IN OAK:**  
100%  
~25% New Oak~

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
American

**MONTHS IN BARREL:**  
14

**PRODUCTION:**  
95 Cases

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$32

## 2008 BUTLER VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

### IN THE VINEYARD

Located at the northeastern edge of the Russian River Valley near Healdsburg, this site was originally planted before Prohibition. The north-facing hillside of well-drained Spreckles loam soil allows dry farming. The gnarly head-pruned old vines have extremely-low vigor and low yield, contributing to the intense fruit flavors and high-toned aromatics of this exceptional small-lot Zinfandel.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The 2008 vintage was a moderate crop off the vineyard with good overall ripeness. We used open top fermentors, utilizing both punch downs and pump overs during the fermentation. The wine was basket-pressed then racked to barrel. We aged the wine in a mix of French and American oak for about 13 months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This Zinfandel is a beautiful dark ruby in color. Aromas of raspberry, Zante currant and cardamom are prominent on the nose, followed by hints of black pepper and a touch of saffras. The tannins are rich and spread throughout a long palate. This wine boasts a nice intensity with notes of baker's chocolate, sweet berry and wood on the finish.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker