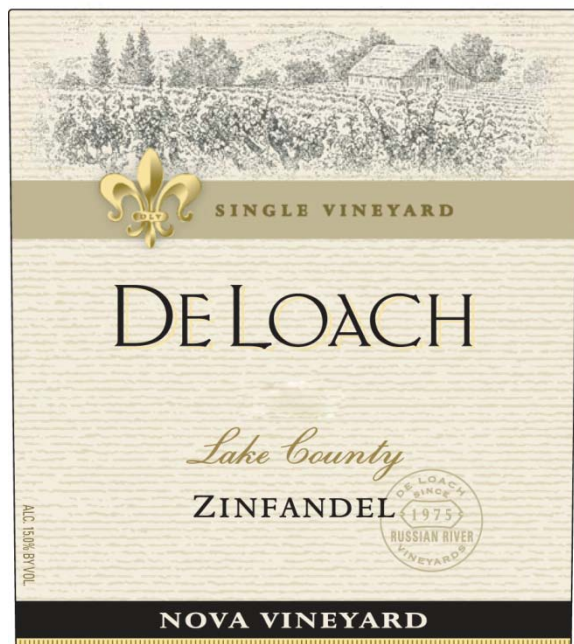




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Lake County

HARVEST DATE:
Oct. 8, 2008

ALCOHOL:
15% by volume

pH:
3.73

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
5.4 g/L

PRODUCTION:
506 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$30



2008 NOVA VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

Established in the 1960s from pre-prohibition site-original vine cuttings, the Nova vineyard is on the benchland of Mount Konocti in Lake County at an altitude of 1,500 feet. The head-trained vines grow in well-drained, deep alluvial volcanic-based soils and have been organically farmed since planting. The crop receives just one watering during the growing season, and is thinned to approximately four tons per acre. These practices encourage the vines to develop smaller berries with complex, more concentrated flavors. Spring frost and an awkward summer climate along the North Coast threatened the 2008 vintage, but the challenges proved rewarding: steady ripening and nuanced flavor development yielded fruit of dynamic subtlety.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand-harvested, then fermented in both closed and open-top vats with a German-isolated yeast strain notable for enhancing spicy characteristics through slow, steady fermentation. The must was then pressed to settle in tank, then aerobically racked twice before being transferred to barrels for aging.

TASTING NOTES

This delicate Zinfandel shares bright fruit aromas of fresh cherry pie laced with threads of clove spice. Brambleberry and red currant notes intermingle with classic juicy zinberry and a splash of cola on the palate. The soft inviting tannins lend structure to the full, rich mouth feel.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker