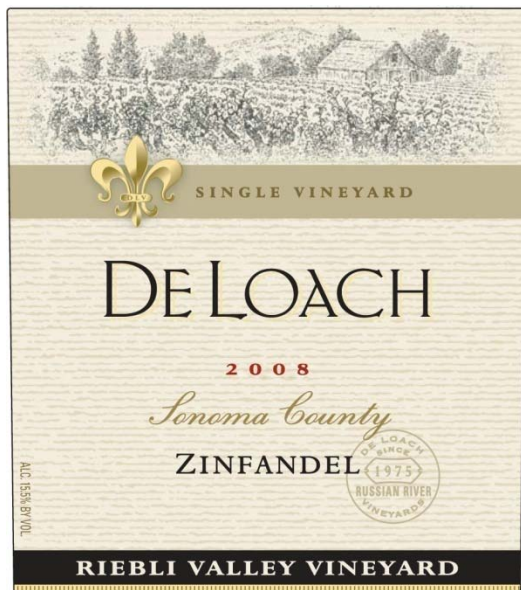




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Sonoma County

HARVEST DATE:
Oct. 10, 2008

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.6

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
5.2 g/L

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

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
13

PRODUCTION:
96 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$48

2008 RIEBLI VALLEY VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

Planted to a mix of Zinfandel and a few Petite Sirah vines in the late 1800s in the Mark West district of the Mayacama foothills just 10 miles east of our winery, the Riebli Valley vineyard has been farmed using organic methods for over a century. The old vines have dwarfed with age, and benefit from a microclimate of breezy winters and hot summers that together with native flora discourage fungal infestations, allowing for minimal intervention in the vineyard.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This is made easy by the small, open-clustered, thick-skinned fruit that allow disease pressure to be minimal. The grapes go through wild fermentation in open-top vats with hand punch downs occurring twice a day, after which the must is basket pressed and barrel aged. Some Petit Syrah is blended with the Zinfandel to add complexity, but first they are fermented & aged separately with the Petit Syrah getting more new oak. The juice is cold-soaked, then pressed off, put in to barrel, and racked several times.

TASTING NOTES

This Zinfandel is a beautiful dark ruby in color, with lush aromas of ripe berry and hints of spice. Prominent flavors reminiscent of blackberry jam on wheat toast, cherry blossom, brambleberry and molasses spread across a broad palate. This wine has a medium plus body, with subtle tannins and a long finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker