



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Olivet Bench
Russian River Valley
Sonoma County

Alcohol
16%

pH
3.36

Titrateable Acidity
6.7 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%
25% New Oak

Origin of Oak
French & American

Months in Barrel
15

Production
300 Cases

2015 SAITONE VINEYARD ZINFANDEL

IN THE VINEYARD

One of the oldest remaining vineyards in the Olivet Rd region of the Russian River Valley, Saitone was planted in 1895 by Antonio Saitone and is now farmed by Ulises Valdez. Located just under a mile from the DeLoach estate, the head pruned vines are farmed without trellising or irrigation and produce tiny, concentrated berries that can take until the end of October to fully ripen.

Of the nearly 17 acres of old vines planted, Zinfandel and Alicante Bouschet are the most abundant while French Colombard, Petit Bouschet and Grand Noir can be found sprinkled among the various blocks. Typical of the time period in which the vineyard was planted, wines produced from the vineyard tend to largely be field blends comprised of a dominant varietal (usually Zinfandel) that is accompanied by smaller amounts of the various varietals that were picked simultaneously and co-fermented.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand-harvested on two separate days, September 11 & 16, and then fermented in both closed and open-top vats using techniques that encourage the natural spice and fruit characteristics found in Zinfandel. The must was then pressed to settle in tank and aerobically racked before being transferred to barrels for aging. The wine was aged for 15 months in a mix of French and American oak, 25% new, before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2015 Saitone Vineyard Zinfandel, a stunning crimson in the glass, offers aromatic notes of black cherry and violet with a note of black pepper. Rich flavors of plum and cassis mingle with cocoa powder and a signature floral lavender note. This Zinfandel has beautiful acidity and spreads gracefully across the palate while leaving a wonderfully lingering finish.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker