



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*Zinfandel*  
MAFFEI VINEYARD

OLIVET BENCH  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
VINTAGE 2021

#### IN THE VINEYARD

The Maffei Vineyard located on Olivet Road in the Russian River Valley is a historic site showcasing old vine Zinfandel. Registered by the Historic Vineyard Society, the gnarly head-trained vines were planted in 1928 by Umberto and Maria Maffei. Now, three generations later, their granddaughter Joanne Maffei manages these vines which continue to produce world-class grapes.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Old vines provide layers of ethereal flavors, but also tend to retain high fruit acidity. We waited to harvest these old vines until October 10, with the warmer vintage, at the point that acidity was in balance. Clusters are hand sorted, berries destemmed, and fermentation allowed to spontaneously begin with native yeast. High ripeness led to a lengthy fermentation on skins and yielded a rich, dark ruby wine we aged in a mix of French and American oak for 15 months with 20% new.

#### TASTING NOTES

The Maffei Vineyard Zinfandel envelops the senses with a burst of captivating aromas featuring ripe black cherry, luscious elderberry, and enticing baking spices. Its sophisticated, opulent fruit profile continues to captivate on the palate, offering elevated notes of succulent blackberry, warm baked fruit, and a subtle hint of tobacco. This is a robust, assertive Zinfandel that exudes seamless integration, highlighting harmonious acidity and robust tannins.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:  
Russian River Valley  
ALCOHOL: 16.5%  
PH: 3.41  
TA: 6.2 g/L  
AGING: 100% French oak,  
20% new  
MONTHS IN BARREL: 15

