



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

PH: 3.66

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 16 months in 32% new French oak

HARVEST DATE: October 16, 2023



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Zinfandel FORGOTTEN VINES

SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2023

IN THE VINEYARD

In honor of the many old Zinfandel vineyards that were overlooked for decades in Sonoma County due to prohibition, our Forgiven Vines blend is comprised of several exemplary mature vineyards. These heritage vineyards were first planted in the late 1800s and early 1900s in the warmer reaches of the region. Planted as field blends, Zinfandel is the primary varietal planted, but not the only varietal. Petite Sirah, Carignane, Alicante Bouchet and even some native vines can also be found in some of the vineyards. The vineyards, primarily Saitone, Boshcetti and Battaligni, are harvested separately and remain separate throughout fermentation and aging until the final Forgiven Vines blend is crafted.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Following careful cluster sorting, the must is fermented in open top vats before aging for 16 months. The components are hand selected by our winemaker and blended together for exceptional richness, complexity and old-vine character.

TASTING NOTES

This luxurious, richly colored wine envelops the senses with generous aromas of ripe cherry, savory tobacco, and a whisper of smooth cocoa. The palate unfolds in layered complexity, showcasing concentrated notes of strawberry preserves and dark plum accented by hints of cinnamon, nutmeg, and toasted almond. Powerful yet polished, the wine delivers remarkable depth and structure, framed by firm, commanding tannins and culminating in a lingering finish touched with cracked black pepper.