



PRODUCER

The winery and vineyards were originally owned and run by Cecil and Christine De Loach. In 2003, the family run Burgundian estate Jean-Claude Boisset purchased De Loach and brought the focus back to the estate's original high-quality winemaking philosophy, with specific emphasis on small lot winemaking, particularly of Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The winery's 7-hectare estate vineyard has been completely restored and converted to organic and biodynamic viticulture, a tradition upheld by many foremost Burgundian vineyards. The De Loach estate vineyards are certified organic by CCOF.

VINEYARDS

For the Heritage Reserve wines, De Loach combine their Russian River Valley grapes with those from selected growing regions in California to produce good value, approachable wines. Each is made and bottled at their estate facility. This Zinfandel was made from fruit grown in vineyards in the Central Coast appellations where the coastal fog and cool evenings create a good environment for extended ripening.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season resulted in excellent quality fruit. After years of drought, substantial winter rain developed excellent water reserves. This was essential, as spring brought very dry weather. Summer saw some extreme heat which was followed by mid-September rains. These rains cooled the fruit to extend the ripening period and slow harvest. As the grapes had extra time on the vine, concentrated flavours developed which resulted in wines with excellent structure.

VINIFICATION

A pre-fermentation cold soak was carried out to extract deep colour. During fermentation, which took place in stainless steel tanks, the cap was punched down, followed by post-fermentation warm maceration, for extraction of ripe, well-integrated tannins. The wine was aged mainly in stainless steel tanks and a small portion was aged in 227 litre seasoned French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

This Zinfandel has aromas of ripe blackberries, black cherry and sweet spices. The palate is full-bodied with ripe tannins and bold fruit, tempered by well-integrated oak.

Grape Varieties **90% Zinfandel**
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Merlot

Winemaker	Ryan Lynch
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	15%
Residual Sugar	2.7g/L
Acidity	6.2g/L
Wine pH	3.76
Bottle Sizes	75cl