

De Loach,
`California Collection` Zinfandel 2024
Sonoma County, California, USA



Grape Varieties	100% Zinfandel
Winemaker	Brian Maloney
Closure	Agglomerated Cork
ABV	13%
Acidity	6.4g/L
Wine pH	3.39
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

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

The grapes for this Zinfandel are sourced from vineyards in California's Lodi region, where warm days and cooling Delta breezes allow the fruit to ripen fully while preserving natural acidity and balance. De Loach works with a single long-term grower partner, ensuring consistency and quality across vintages. The vineyards are certified sustainable by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA), and their sandy, loamy soils provide excellent drainage while retaining sufficient moisture to support healthy, balanced vine growth.

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage was defined by a wet winter and spring, which replenished soil moisture ahead of a hot, dry summer marked by sustained above-average temperatures. These conditions accelerated ripening and increased vine stress, leading to smaller berries and lighter yields. Despite reduced volume, the concentrated fruit produced wines of exceptional depth, showcasing intense colour, rich flavour, and firm tannin structure. Careful canopy management, precise irrigation, and well-timed harvests were key to maintaining balance and preserving natural acidity throughout the vintage.

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.