



2016

**VARIETAL**

95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Sirah

**COOPERAGE**

17 months French Oak

**ALCOHOL**

15.1%

**PRODUCTION**

1,835 Cases

**SRP**

\$30

**UPC**

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Notes

# GEHRICKE

Russian River Valley - Zinfandel  
Healdsburg, California

Growing up in Sonoma, we spent a lot of time exploring the local countryside: finding our way through neighboring vineyards owned by old friends and family. I remember the excitement of discovery and freedom while, as a young boy, I thoroughly studied our small town and its outskirts. I remember old dusty roads that led to forgotten vineyards and properties... Gehricke is a tribute to one such road.

Today, we explore rural, premium wine sub-regions throughout Sonoma County, selecting fruit from the finest vineyards. We are meticulous in our journey of crafting small-lot wines made with minimal intervention, so that you can enjoy the truest representation of each appellation and how its terroir impacts specific varietals. From our family to yours, Gehricke wines are made to enhance the little moments that become epic memories. Wherever the road takes you, your journey should make the destination worthwhile.

AUGUST SEBASTIANI  
Proprietor

## Winemaker Notes

The 2016 Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a blend of old vine Zinfandel and a touch of Petite Sirah from the orange, iron-rich soil of Ponzo Vineyard. The Zinfandel on its own is fruity and jammy and Petite Sirah brings in complementary dark fruit flavors and density, resulting in a blend that is full-bodied and well-structured.

Powerful spice aromas of cracked cinnamon sticks and black peppercorns mingle with ripe plum aromas and hints of mint chocolate. This full-bodied wine is soft on entry with a texture similar to that of milk chocolate. Ripe plums, cherry cordials and black currants show through on a rich and supple palate. The finish is long and persistent, embodied by dark fruits and baking spices.