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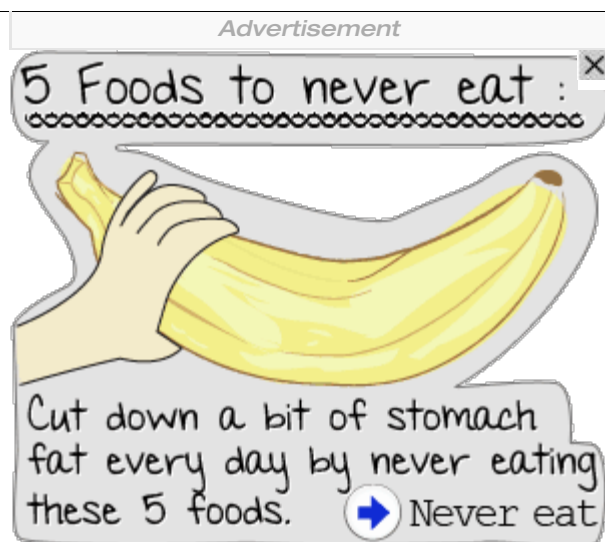


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Known as 'America's Burgundy,' it is no wonder that the Burgundian family, Boisset would look to California's [Russian River](#) Valley for vineyard ownership. In 2003 they purchased DeLoach Vineyards, a winery already producing Burgundian-like Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays.

The statue of Earth and Sky is the first thing to greet each visitor. Bronze and impressively high-reaching, she stands as a symbol of respect for nature and the land. Yet, DeLoach pays its respect to nature in much more meaningful ways. They are certified in both organic and Biodynamic farming, pruning only during the phase of the moon when the gravitational pull is the greatest and irrigating 12 hours after pruning.

Just as in Burgundy, DeLoach uses open-top wood fermenters. The fermentation yeasts are native, and the must is punched down by hand. A lot of care goes into both the land and the [wine](#)-making.

Specializing in Pinot Noirs, DeLoach makes an Olivet Bench Estate wine that has aromas of soft red fruit with just a hint of oak. Their Green Valley [Pinot Noir](#) tastes of cassis and licorice with earthy undertones. Their Vanderkamp Pinot Noir is ruby red and rich with soft tannins and very structured.

**DeLoach Vineyards** is open for tastings everyday from 10 am to 5 pm. Much closer than Burgundy, it is just over the hill.