DELOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

2014
ESTATE VINEYARD
CHARDONNAY

Appellation
Russian River Valley

Harvest Date
September 2

Alcohol
14.5%

pH
3.2

Titratable Acidity
6 G/L

Aged in Oak
100%
25% New

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
14

Cases Produced
500

In the Vineyard
On February 3, 2010, Demeter USA, the only certification agent for Biodynamic® farms in the United States, certified the 17-acre estate vineyard and garden at DeLoach Vineyards, fully compliant with their standards for Demeter Biodynamic status. As one of only sixty-four wineries or vineyards in the U.S. with Demeter certified Biodynamic estate vineyards, DeLoach is among an elite group of sustainable wine grape growers committed to farming in parallel with the Earth's natural cycles.

The 2014 harvest was again an early harvest after another year of drought in California. A mild spring led to early bud break and warm days with cool summer nights allowed the fruit to gradually ripen while maintaining ideal acid levels and bright fruit flavors.

Conversations with the Winemaker
Our Old Wente Clone, Montrachet Clone and Clone 809 vineyard blocks provided the fruit for this wine. After whole cluster pressing, the juice underwent native yeast fermentation and lees stirring for 10 months. Extending the barrel aging time in French oak, 25% new, to 14 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay before bottling unfiltered.

Tasting Notes
Our 2014 Estate Vineyard Chardonnay is a rich golden honey color in the glass and offers seductive aromas of Fuji apple, tangerine and baked fruit crisp with a touch of floral perfume. Full, rich flavors of mandarins, Asian pear, nutmeg and vanilla spread softly across the palate with a supple, silky mouthfeel. This medium plus bodied wine presents moderate acidity and beautiful balance with an opulent finish.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker