DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

Appellation:
Sebastopol Hills
Russian River Valley

Alcohol:
14.5%

pH:
3.50

Titratable Acidity:
6.2 g/L

Aged in Oak:
100% French oak

35% New

Origin of Oak:
French

Months in Barrel:
15 Months

2014
MABOROSHI VINEYARD
PINOT NOIR

In the Vineyard

The Maboroshi Vineyard, nestled in the Sebastopol Hills 600 feet in elevation, is one of the first spots to clear from the morning fog as ridges to the west shelter the site from any lingering marine layer. Named "whimsical dream" in Japanese, this vineyard is the meeting ground for opposites: warm sunlight and cool fog, elegance and structure. Fine Goldridge loam nurtures the vines, and the Kisaichi family meticulously tends to them using sustainable methods. First planted in 1999 and 2000, the steep hillside vineyards are not tilled in an effort to help prevent erosion and instead, goats are used to do the weeding for the family. Cover crops have helped keep the number of "good bugs" on the rise while leading to a drastic decline in the number of "bad bugs" without the use of pesticides. The Kisaichi family, like DeLoach Vineyards, is truly dedicated to producing the best fruit possible while becoming more in tuned to the flow of Mother Nature.

Conversations with the Winemaker

Whole berries were fermented in small open-top oak vats with hand punch downs, then basket pressed to barrel for secondary fermentation on the lees. The wine was aged for 15 months in 35% new French oak before being bottled.

Tasting Notes

Our 2014 Maboroshi Pinot Noir offers delightful red fruit aromatics with hints of citrus and sandalwood. Ruby red in the glass, flavors of strawberry, raspberry and black cardamom lead to hints of plum skin with a touch of orange zest. Rich and spreading with medium plus body and a lengthy finish, the fine grained tannins are balanced with bright acidity, making it a perfect pairing with cherry glazed duck breast or mushroom risotto.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker