



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE
August 29-31

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PH
3.28

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
5.4 g/L

AGED IN OAK
100%
30% New

ORIGIN OF OAK
French

MONTHS IN BARREL
16

CASES PRODUCED
608

2016 ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

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.

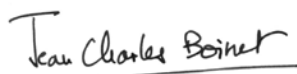
The 2016 vintage in Sonoma County was almost perfect with moderate late winter rains, providing a healthy boost to the drought-stricken region. Moderate spring and summer weather led to elegant, profound wines with tremendous amounts of expression even at an early age.

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, 30% new, to 16 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay before bottling unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

With a rich golden honey color in the glass, our 2016 Estate Chardonnay opens with enticing aromas of orange blossom, lime peel, and honeysuckle. Warm, full flavors of mandarin and nutmeg spread across the palate creating a full bodied white wine. With a silky mouthfeel and bright acidity this wine pairs flawlessly with any meal.



Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor



Brian Maloney
Winemaker