



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
Green Valley of
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL
15% by volume

pH
3.41

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
5.9 g/L

AGED IN OAK
100%
33% New

ORIGIN OF OAK
French

MONTHS IN BARREL
14



2016 HEINTZ VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

Heintz Vineyard, farmed by Charlie Heintz, sits atop a ridge at 900 feet in elevation in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley. Its gently sloping sides are rich in Goldridge sandy loam with two to three feet of topsoil followed by layers of clay. Optimal growing conditions and careful vineyard management result in a luscious, mouthwatering, full-bodied Chardonnay with lots of depth.

The Heintz family has been farming Heintz Ranch for over a century. Charlie, along with his eight siblings, spent many hours working on the ranch as they grew up, and in 1984, Charlie took over the reins. Charlie's dedication and continual improvements to vineyard management have led to the finest quality Chardonnay grapes. The southwestern facing vines are located in the banana belt of the Green Valley, and tend to ripen earlier than much of the valley.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserve the rich, natural flavors. Barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years. The wine was aged for 14 months in 100% French oak, 33% new.

TASTING NOTES

A pale straw color in the glass, our 2016 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay features rich aromas of apricot, apples and a hint of toasted oak. On the palate, flavors of fresh, juicy fruit are complemented by notes of popcorn and honey. This voluptuous wine has a medium plus body with defined structure and balanced acidity that leads to a pleasingly long, lingering finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

Brian Maloney
Winemaker