



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
California

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.59

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
5.8 g/L

2017 CALIFORNIA MERLOT

IN THE VINEYARD

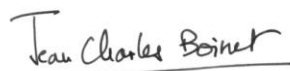
At DeLoach Vineyards we strive to produce distinctive wines that spotlight unique *terroirs* in a socially and environmentally responsible way. We practice sustainable viticulture and utilize minimally intrusive winemaking techniques that lets the *terroir* shine through in each wine we craft.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our 2017 California Merlot was made from carefully selected Merlot grapes grown in prestigious, sustainably farmed vineyards across California. Select lots of Merlot were blended to develop complexity before being aged in primarily stainless-steel tanks. A small portion of the wine was aged in seasoned American oak barrels to impart a light oak characteristic while allowing the wine to stay true to its varietal character and retain its approachable, fruit-forward style.

TASTING NOTES

All of our California appellation wines carry the Heritage Reserve designation and reflect our commitment to showcasing the Golden State's sun-drenched *terroir*. Our 2017 California Merlot opens with lively aromatic notes of blackberry, strawberry and a touch of vanilla. Luscious flavors of raspberry, blueberry and plum are complimented by hints of cocoa and a touch of toasted oak coat the palate. Medium bodied with a soft, lush texture and a delightful finish make this immediately enjoyable and a perfect pairing to barbecued ribs or grilled pork chops.



JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor



BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker