



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir

MABOROSHI VINEYARD

SEBASTOPOL HILLS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE 2017

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, sheep 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.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.65

TA: 5.7 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak, 35% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 10

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 10 months in 35% new French oak before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blueberry, pennyroyal and sandalwood greet the nose. Blackberry and blueberry flavors are complemented by notes of cassis and moderate acidity. This Pinot Noir has impressive tannins with a silkiness that will evolve over time.

