



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation: Russian River Valley

Harvest Date: September 2, 2017

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.40

Titrateable Acidity: 5.3 g/L

Aging: French oak, 35% new,
for 16 months

Cases Produced: 257



2017 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 less than 100 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 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend that kicked harvest into high gear.

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, 35% 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

Our 2017 Estate Chardonnay opens with seductive aromas of tangerine, orange blossom and baked apple crisp with a touch of honeysuckle. Full, rich flavors of Asian pear, mandarin orange and nutmeg spread across the palate. This is a full-bodied Chardonnay with a silky mouthfeel and bright acidity.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker