



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

ESTATE VINEYARD

OLIVET BENCH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINTAGE 2018

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.

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 17 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay before bottling unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

A bouquet of toasted almonds, stone fruits and honeyed oranges greet the nose in this 2018 Estate Chardonnay. This is a balanced and pure wine with integrated acidity and flavors of lemon curd, white flowers and poached pear. The graceful texture and medium-bodied richness lead to a clean finish.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley,
Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 14%

PH: 3.38

TA: 6.4 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,
30% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 17

