



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

2011 ESTATE COLLECTION CHARDONNAY



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Harvest Date
September 24, 2011

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.28

Titratable Acidity
6.37 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%
~25% New~

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
13

Malolactic Fermentation
100%

Production
101 cases

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 only sixty-four wineries or vineyards in the U.S. with Demeter certified Biodynamic estates vineyards, DeLoach is among an elite group of sustainable wine grape growers committed to farming in parallel with the Earth's natural cycles.

The 2011 vintage in the Russian River Valley and across California was known as a trying one for wine grape growers in terms of weather and climate conditions; however, while yields were low, the quality of grapes harvested were quite impressive.

Conversations with the Winemaker

Our Old Wente 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. Extending the barrel aging time in French oak to 13 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay.

Tasting Notes

Lightly fined and filtered, the Estate Chardonnay glows in the glass. With aromas and flavors of honeysuckle, fuji apples and almond paste, this wine envelopes the palate. It is light, but weighty with a full mouthfeel, balanced texture and nice acidity. This is a complex Chardonnay that will age extremely well.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney
Winemaker