



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Russian River Valley

**Alcohol**  
14.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.37

**Titratable Acidity**  
5.61 g/L

**Malolactic Conversion**  
100 %

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~17% New Oak~

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
14

**Production**  
617 Cases



## 2012 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2012 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. Harvest extended over 6 weeks, from beginning of September through the third week in October. The vineyards located in the heart of the Russian River Valley contributed richness and balance with their barrel fermentation while fruit from the western reaches of the Russian River Valley yielded power, nerve and elegance to the final blend.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The hand-harvested grapes were sorted and then whole-cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling. The juice was then racked to barrels for fermentation by native yeasts. Malolactic conversion proceeded naturally during aging, while the lees-stirring contributed to enhanced mouthfeel. Barrels were hand-selected to assemble the final blend one month prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Our latest OFS Chardonnay is a balanced, complex wine that reflects the best characteristics of each of the vineyards that contribute to the final blend. The 2012 vintage opens with the taste of the sun - bright aromas of apple and mandarin blossoms with a touch of lemon curd. On the palate are accents of baked apple spices, vanilla and the hint of oak, It's medium body and long lingering finish make this truly a wine for all cuisines, from a roasted chicken to a Moroccan tagine.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker