



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation:**  
Sebastopol Hills  
Russian River Valley

**Harvest Date:**  
10/17-10/18

**Alcohol:**  
13.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.58

**Titratable Acidity:**  
5.63

**Aged in Oak:**  
100%  
~33% New~

**Origin of Oak:**  
French

**Months in Barrel:**  
13

**Production:**  
374 Cases



## 2011 MABOROSHI VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### *In the Vineyard*

The Maboroshi Vineyard, nestled in the Sonoma Coast 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, goats 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.

### *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 13 months in 33% new French oak and 67% in second-fill barrels to lend softness to the oak characteristics.

### *Tasting Notes*

A striking ruby color in the glass, this Vineyard Designate Pinot Noir opens with inviting aromas of sandalwood and lavender accented with a touch of strawberry. Fine-grained tannins and great structure are heightened by ripe red fruit flavors and a hint of shitake on the back palate.

*Jean-Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker