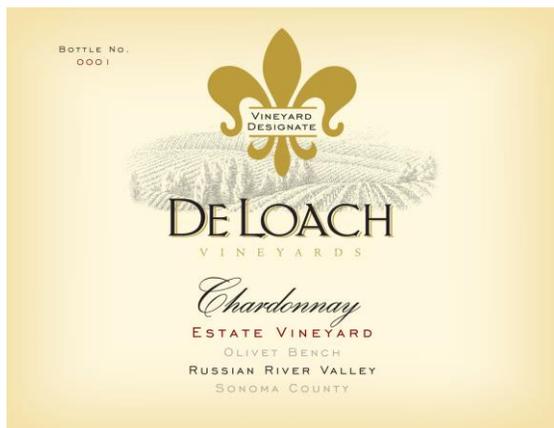




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*

## 2012 ESTATE COLLECTION CHARDONNAY



**Appellation**  
Russian River Valley

**Harvest Date**  
September 6th, 2012

**Alcohol**  
13.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.46

**Titratable Acidity**  
5.60 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~40% New~

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
14

**Malolactic Fermentation**  
100%

**Production**  
150 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 2012 vintage is being described as "excellent," "outstanding" and "ideal" by many, as the wine grape harvest across California yielded generous amounts of high quality fruit. In our vineyards, textbook conditions saw near-ideal spring bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set, and a lengthy stretch of warm days and cool and often foggy nights during the long summer months. Late and light rains held off until our treasured wine grapes found optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality to the crush pad and into the cellar.

### 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 14 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay.

### Tasting Notes

Our 2012 Russian River Valley Estate Vineyard Chardonnay glows a brilliant golden-yellow in the glass before opening with aromas and flavors of honeysuckle, fuji apples and pear. It is light, but weighty, with a full mouthfeel that coats the palate and a balanced texture that is complemented by bright acidity. This is a complex Chardonnay that will age extremely well.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker