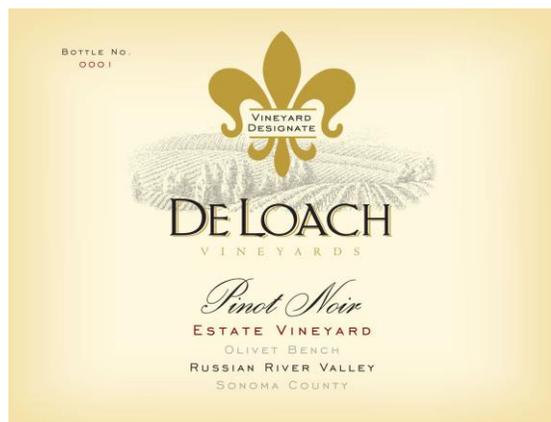




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVEST DATE
SEPT 14 – OCT 4, 2012

ALCOHOL
14.5% BY VOLUME

PH
3.70

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
5.39 G/L

AGED IN OAK
100%
~ 30% NEW OAK ~

ORIGIN OF OAK
FRENCH

MONTHS IN BARREL
15

CASES PRODUCED
500

2012 ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

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

The 2012 Estate Pinot Noir is made using six of our eight estate clones – 115, 777, Swan, La Tache, Calera and 828. Calera and 828 are fermented separately, forming the base of this vintage. Calera contributes spice and red berry characteristics. Clone 828 was the last to be picked. With its ripe stems, we were able to ferment 100% whole cluster. This allowed the darker colors and the deeper flavors of plum and blackberry to develop. The 115 and Swan were co-fermented as were the 777 and LT contributing minerality, spice and depth of character. All were fermented using their native yeasts.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2012 Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir aromatically opens with subtle fresh fruit aromas of strawberry and blueberry heightened with hints of anise. The deep aromas lead to enticing flavors of Santa Rosa Plum and just a touch of white pepper. Its medium body and beautiful tannins make it the perfect accompaniment to a wide variety of foods.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
PROPRIETOR

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
WINEMAKER