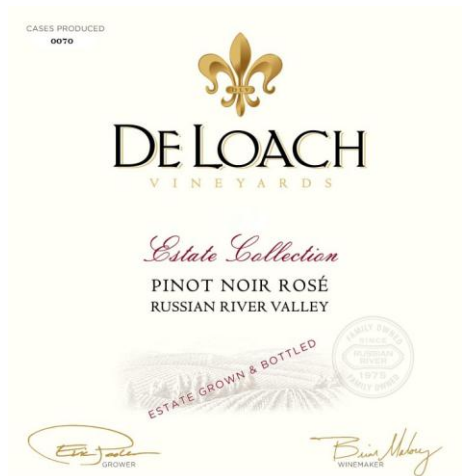




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Harvested
September 6, 2012

Alcohol
13.5% by volume

pH
3.47

Titratable Acidity
4.96 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%

Origin of Oak
French

Months in Barrel
6

Cases Produced
68

2012 ESTATE COLLECTION PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

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.

About the Vintage

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

Produced from the 2012 harvest of blocks 1 and 9 of the estate on September 6th, this wine was made in a deliberate rosé style: the grapes were destemmed for overnight juice-skin contact, followed by basket-pressing the juice to neutral barrels for fermentation *sur lie*. Six months barrel aging with lees stirring contribute a bit of richness and palate breadth, followed by a brief period in stainless steel to capture the fresh, fruity flavors. As the skins contain most of the tannins, the structure of this rosé has less of tannic mouthfeel than a typical *saignée* style rosé.

Tasting Notes

Our 2012 vintage opens with vibrant notes of juicy strawberry and ambrosial honeysuckle that evolve into enticing cranberry and mulberry flavors on the palate. Bright and crisp, but full-flavored, this wine is perfect as a summer sipper or served alongside that holiday meal!

Jean Charles Boisset

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Proprietor

Brian Maloney

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Winemaker