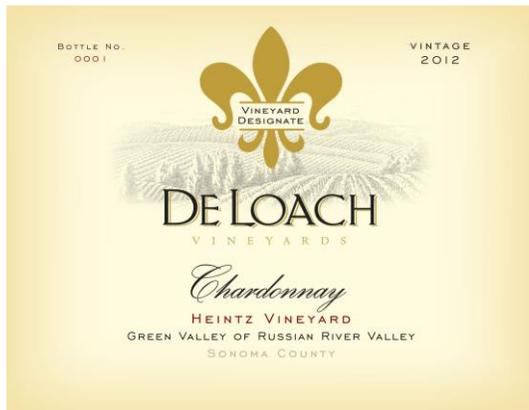




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



2012 HEINTZ VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

Heintz Vineyard, farmed by Charlie Heintz, sits atop a ridge at 900 feet in elevation in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley. Its gently sloping sides are rich in Goldridge sandy loam with two to three feet of topsoil followed by layers of clay. Optimal growing conditions and careful vineyard management result in a luscious, mouthwatering, full-bodied Chardonnay with lots of depth.

The Heintz family has been farming Heintz Ranch for over a century. Charlie, along with his eight siblings, spent many hours working on the ranch as they grew up, and in 1984, Charlie took over the reins. Charlie's dedication and continual improvements to vineyard management have led to the finest quality Chardonnay grapes. The southwestern facing vines are located in the banana belt of the Green Valley, and tend to ripen earlier than much of the valley.

APPELLATION

Green Valley of
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE

10/21/12

ALCOHOL

14.5% by volume

PH

3.56

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.35 g/L

AGED IN OAK

100%
~10% New~

ORIGIN OF OAK

French

MONTHS IN BARREL

12

PRODUCTION

142 cases

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserve the rich, natural flavors. Barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years. The wine was aged for 12 months in 100% French oak, 10% new.

TASTING NOTES

Lemon yellow in color, the 2012 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay explodes with aromas of Fuji apple, white flower and spice. The flavors showcase Fuji apple, ginger, spice with the addition of raw almond. The wine was lees stirred leading to a bit of creaminess but a defined structure. This complex Chardonnay continues to please with its medium to long finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
PROPRIETOR

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
WINEMAKER