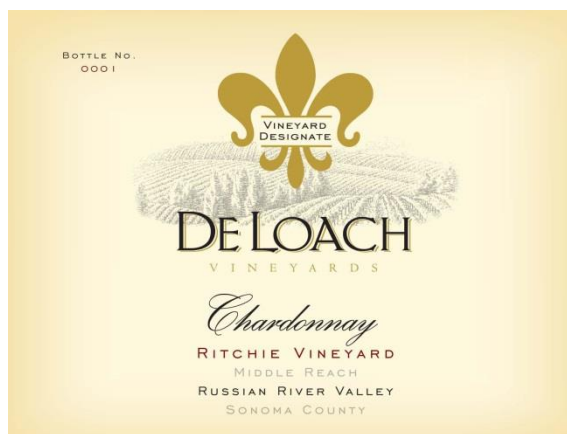




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation
Russian River Valley

Harvest Date
Mid October 2012

Alcohol
14.5% by volume

pH
3.32

Titratable Acidity
6.64 g/L

Aged in Oak
100%
~18% New Oak~

Origin of Oak
French

Malolactic Conversion
100 %

Months in Barrel
12

Production
150 Cases



2012 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

With its beautiful old vines nestled on a rolling northwest-facing hillside in the heart of the Russian River Valley, the Ritchie Vineyard commands respect. First planted in 1972, the benchland soil is pure Goldridge loam, common to great vineyards in the region.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

A blend of two Chardonnay clones contributes to the unique character of this wine: the Musqué clone yields fruit of delightful floral and sweet spice nuance, while the Wente clone imparts rich texture and multi-dimensional layers of fruit. Hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserves these flavors, while barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years.

TASTING NOTES

Dark golden in the glass, our 2012 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay opens with a vibrant bouquet of creamy vanilla, ground hazelnuts and a hint of Meyer lemon. Creamy on the palate, the wine retains a nice acidity offering both brightness and a depth of flavor that strikes the perfect balance for relaxing in the late afternoon or enjoying a light dinner with friends.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker