



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION

Marin County

HARVEST DATE

10/21/12

ALCOHOL

14.5% by volume

PH

3.30

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.02g/L

AGED IN OAK

100%

~ 10% New ~

ORIGIN OF OAK

French

MONTHS IN BARREL

12

PRODUCTION

247 cases



2012 STUBBS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY MARIN COUNTY

With the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Francisco Bay to the east, Marin County is one of the coolest AVAs in California. The winter temperatures are typically warmer than Napa and Sonoma because of the surrounding bodies of water and heavy precipitation. While bud break is accelerated, the cool spring and summer seasons lead to long hang times. This longer growing season lends itself to high quality wines with balance, natural acidity, and lower alcohol levels.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Stubbs Vineyard is located in a narrow valley that opens to the south of the vineyard. The vineyard is divided by a seasonal creek that helps drain the area of cold air during the frost season. This is very important for this site as the vineyard is usually very early to bud out and late to ripen, as it is one of the vineyard sites closest to the very cold Tomales Bay. This same drainage acts as a channel for cold air and fog to work its way back up to the vineyard, making it one of the coldest sites for non-sparkling Chardonnay in Marin. The soils are a mix of alluvial deposits and decomposed sandstone, with variable drainage depending upon location in regards to the creek. The wines from this vineyard are more delicate on the whole than warmer climate sites, but have an elegance that is hard to find in most of California.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is lively with aromas of lime zest, white peaches and nectarines. Toasted lemon cream, gingersnaps and hazelnut round out the flavors and make for a long, lingering finish. This Chardonnay is vibrant enough to stand alone, but delicate enough to enjoy with a variety of foods.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker