



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation:
Central Coast

Alcohol:
13.5% by volume

pH:
3.53

Titratable Acidity:
5.29 g/L

2013 CENTRAL COAST MERLOT

In the Vineyard

At DeLoach Vineyards we strive to produce distinctive wines that spotlight unique *terroirs* in a socially and environmentally responsible way, practice sustainable viticulture and utilize minimally intrusive winemaking techniques. The grapes for our 2013 Merlot were carefully chosen from cool, fog-influenced vineyards sustainably farmed throughout the Central Coast AVA.

The 2013 vintage across the Central Coast was an ideal growing season with the perfect conditions for bloom and fruit set. A dry winter led to a mild spring and cool summer. The extra summer fog and cloud cover allowed for an extended growing season resulting in excellent flavor concentration, good acidity, and structure.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The grapes for our 2013 Merlot were meticulously harvested during the middle of October. The wine underwent a three day cold soak with a three day fermentation that was followed by a three day extended maceration. The wine was then aged in 10% French oak (balance stainless steel) for 9 months.

Tasting Notes

Opening with aromas of plum and red cherry, our 2013 Central Coast Merlot offers flavors of caramel, bright, fresh red fruits and a touch of black licorice upon the palate. Velvety, plush tannins lead to a satisfying finish.



Jean Charles Boisset
JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
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Winemaker