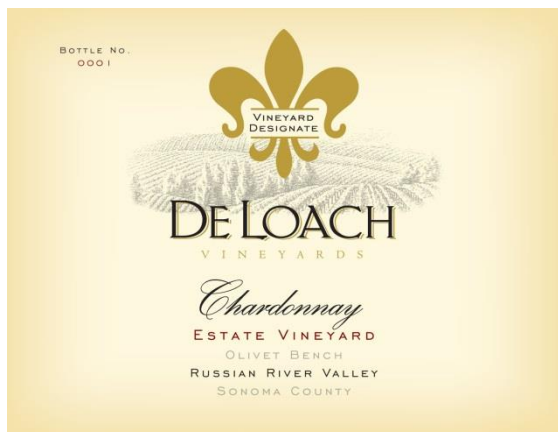




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*

## 2013 ESTATE COLLECTION CHARDONNAY



**Appellation**  
Russian River Valley

**Harvest Date**  
August 27-September 3

**Alcohol**  
14.5%

**pH**  
3.37

**Titrateable Acidity**  
5.84 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~43% New~

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
16

**Cases Produced**  
380

### 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 estate vineyards, DeLoach is among an elite group of sustainable wine grape growers committed to farming in parallel with the Earth's natural cycles.

The 2013 vintage across the Russian River Valley was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring lead to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. With warm days and cool nights, grape growers were able to maintain ideal acid levels with optimum, bright fruit flavors.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

Our Old Wente Clone, Montrachet Clone and Clone 809 vineyard blocks provided the fruit for this wine. After whole cluster pressing, the juice underwent native yeast fermentation and lees stirring. Extending the barrel aging time in French oak to 14 months increased the complexity and rich depth while still retaining the delicate fruit components of this elegant Chardonnay.

### Tasting Notes

A beautiful, golden honey color in the glass, our 2013 Estate Vineyard Chardonnay opens with aromas of Fuji apples, Asian pear and baked fruit tart. With the first sip flavors of vanilla crème, nutmeg and toasty caramel dance across the palate. Fined but not filtered, this rich chardonnay presents medium plus body, moderate acidity and a wonderfully long finish.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker

