



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Green Valley of the  
Russian River Valley

**Harvest Date**  
10/08/13

**Alcohol**  
14.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.32

**Titrateable Acidity**  
6.65 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
~33% New Oak~

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
16

**Production**  
148 Cases

## 2013 HAWK HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

### **In the Vineyard**

The Hawk Hill Vineyard is situated in the far southwest corner of the Russian River Valley at an old stage coach stop. The vineyard hangs onto a steep south-facing hillside, bathed by regular fog cycles and coastal wind. Grapevines struggle to ripen their fruit at such a cool site, but meticulous viticulture practices and patience are rewarded with an opulent range of flavors and impressive complexity from the long hang time. Minerality and acidity are preserved in this climate, deftly complementing the richness captured from our winemaking

### **Conversations with the Winemaker**

We select clone 5 grapes from Hawk Hill that are hand-picked, sorted, whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented with native yeast. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, 33% new, for 16 months and undergoes 100% Malolactic fermentation before being bottled unfiltered.

### **Tasting Notes**

Our 2013 Hawk Hill Vineyard Chardonnay presents sumptuous aromas of marzipan and baked lemons that entice the senses. Upon the palate, hints of lemon and rosemary mingle with flavors of almond paste and subtle flavors of lime. A touch of cinnamon finishes this long, lingering Chardonnay. With a creamy mouthfeel and medium body, this is a wine to pair with a grilled, flakey white fish dish.

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker