



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation**  
Green Valley of  
Russian River Valley

**Alcohol**  
13.5% by volume

**pH**  
3.4

**Titratable Acidity**  
6.60 g/L

**Aged in Oak**  
100%  
40% New

**Origin of Oak**  
French

**Months in Barrel**  
14

## 2014 HEINTZ VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

### *In the Vineyard*

Heintz Vineyard, farmed by Charlie Heintz, sits atop a ridge at 900 feet in elevation in the Green Valley area of the Russian River Valley. Its gently sloping sides are rich in Goldridge sandy loam with two to three feet of topsoil followed by layers of clay. Optimal growing conditions and careful vineyard management result in a luscious, mouthwatering, full-bodied Chardonnay with lots of depth.

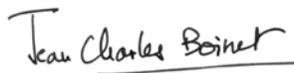
The Heintz family has been farming Heintz Ranch for over a century. Charlie, along with his eight siblings, spent many hours working on the ranch as they grew up, and in 1984, Charlie took over the reins. Charlie's dedication and continual improvements to vineyard management have led to the finest quality Chardonnay grapes. The southwestern facing vines are located in the banana belt of the Green Valley, and tend to ripen earlier than much of the valley.

### *Conversations with the Winemaker*

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserve the rich, natural flavors. Barrel fermentation and sur lie aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years. The wine was aged for 14 months in 100% French oak, 40% new.

### *Tasting Notes*

Our 2014 Heintz Vineyard Chardonnay opens with delicate white flower aromatics mingled with Fuji apple and subtle ginger spice notes. Flavors of ripe peach, nectarine and almond paste are complemented by vanilla oak flavors. Creamy and rich upon the palate, this full bodied Chardonnay offers a defined structure and spreading flavors leading to a delightfully lingering finish.



Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor



Brian Maloney  
Winemaker