



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation:**  
Green Valley of Russian River  
Valley

**Harvest Date:**  
9/15-9/19

**Alcohol:**  
14.5%

**pH:**  
3.54

**Titration Acidity:**  
5.7 g/L

**Aged in Oak:**  
100%

20% New Oak

**Origin of Oak:**  
French

**Months in Barrel:**  
9

## 2014 SWICEGOOD VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### In the Vineyard

In the western hills of the Russian River Valley, the small Green Valley appellation is one of Sonoma County's coolest regions. Evening fog blankets push over from the Pacific Ocean to temper the warm summer days. These optimal conditions extend the growing season, encouraging flavor concentration in the berries while mineral rich soils infuse the fruit with nuanced flavors.

The 2014 vintage in Sonoma County was one of the earliest harvested vintages in years. A warm spring led to early bud break and created the perfect environment for flowering and fruit set. Moderate temperatures, with only minimal rain in September, allowed for even ripening and optimal fruit maturation.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

The Swicegood Vineyard is planted along a ridge top and slope facing to the South West in the Green Valley. While it has long been the backbone to our Green Valley Pinot Noir, starting with the 2008 vintage we saw a distinctly different personality start to emerge from a small section of the vineyard. The majority of the vineyard is planted to clone 115 along the top of the ridge, whereas the cool, steep western-facing slope of the vineyard is planted to clone 777. The western slope has always struggled in comparison to the top, with very low yields but incredibly concentrated fruit and spice aromatics.

### Tasting Notes

Our 2014 Swicegood Vineyard Pinot Noir opens with enticing aromas of ripe berries and sassafras with a hint of white pepper. Flavors of red cherry and ripe raspberry spread across the palate with bright acidity and notes of tobacco leaf and hazelnut. The silky mouthfeel and long, satisfying finish make this a perfect pairing with grilled salmon or seared duck breast.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker

