



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION**  
Russian River Valley

**HARVEST DATE**  
September 2-11

**ALCOHOL**  
14.5%

**PH**  
3.47

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY**  
6.0 g/L

**AGED IN OAK**  
100%  
45% New

**ORIGIN OF OAK**  
French

**MONTHS IN BARREL**  
18

**CASES PRODUCED**  
55

## 2015 LA BIENVENUE ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### 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 2015 vintage in Sonoma County was the earliest harvested vintage to date, beginning in early August and finishing in mid-September. A hot and dry summer led to developed fruit and rich, ripe flavors and while yield was down overall, the smaller berries had concentrated flavors and exceptional quality.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This vintage of our Estate selection La Bienvenue comes from the eastern block of our vineyards in the front of the winery and is a blend of the Calera, LT, 23 and 828 clonal selections. The 23 and 828 clones were harvested the first week of September and were whole cluster fermented, allowing darker colors and deeper flavors to develop. The Calera and LT clones were harvested slightly later and contributed minerality, spice and depth of character to the finished wine. All were fermented using their native yeasts in open top fermenters with hand punch downs before being bottled unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

A delightful ruby color in the glass, our 2015 La Bienvenue Pinot Noir opens with dark fruit aromatics with notes of cranberry and orange peel. Spreading and rich, flavors of ripe blackberry and blueberry with notes of pie crust envelop the palate with a touch of white pepper spice on the finish. This well-balanced wine offers great depth and complex flavors that pair beautifully with roasted lamb chops or creamy risotto.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

Jean-Charles Boisset  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

Brian Maloney  
Winemaker