



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE
August 28 – September 14

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PH
3.73

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
5.0 g/L

AGED IN OAK
100%
35% New

ORIGIN OF OAK
French

MONTHS IN BARREL
16

CASES PRODUCED
49

2016 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 64 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 2016 vintage in Sonoma County was almost perfect with moderate late winter rains, providing a healthy boost to the drought-stricken region. Moderate spring and summer weather led to elegant, profound wines with tremendous amounts of expression even at an early age.

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 2016 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.

Jean Charles Boisset

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

Brian Maloney
Winemaker

