



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

Chardonnay

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

VINTAGE 2021

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay is predominantly harvested from the BCD Vineyard, the Norris Vineyard and the Boriolo Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards are certified Sonoma Sustainable and contribute their unique complexities to the final blend.

The BCD Vineyard, located adjacent to the DeLoach Estate on a very gentle south facing slope, features heavy clay soils that decrease the vigor of the vines and is influenced by the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Norris Vineyard is located in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley and is planted to two clones of Chardonnay – 809 and 17. Clone 809 provides floral and other high-tone aromatics while the Clone 17 lends richer, riper fruit flavors. The Boriolo Vineyard is located on the Olivet Bench northeast of the winery. The vineyard's sandy and clay loam soils produce fruit that is higher in acidity with more minerality and offering fresh fruit flavors. Together, these vineyards produce the backbone of our Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

2021 VINTAGE

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

TASTING NOTES

Bright citrus, lemon zest and peach on the nose. This full-bodied wine is rich and weighty, showing integrated acidity with flavors of Bartlett pear, lemon curd, white flowers, and baking spices on the palate.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.22

TA: 5.1 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak, 10% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 14

