



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original

2011 CALIFORNIA MERLOT



APPELLATION:
California

ALCOHOL:
13.5% by volume

pH:
3.72

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.5 g/L

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$11.99

IN THE VINEYARD

At DeLoach Vineyards we strive to produce distinctive wines that spotlight unique *terroirs* in a socially and environmentally responsible way. We practice sustainable viticulture and utilize minimally intrusive winemaking techniques that lets the *terroir* shine through in each wine we craft.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Our 2011 California Merlot was made from carefully selected Merlot grapes grown in prestigious, sustainably farmed vineyards across California. Select lots of Merlot were blended to develop complexity before being aged in primarily stainless steel tanks. A small portion of the wine was aged in seasoned American oak barrels to impart a light oak characteristic while allowing the wine to stay true to its varietal character and retain its approachable, fruit-forward style. Prior to bottling, the Merlot was blended with a small quantity of other Bordeaux varietals for added depth and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

All of our California appellation wines carry the Heritage Reserve designation and reflect our commitment to showcasing the Golden State's sun-drenched *terroir*. The DeLoach 2011 California Merlot offers opulent flavors of black cherry, blackberry, and dusty chocolate all underlined by toasty vanilla oak. The wine's soft, lush, texture and smooth tannins make this Merlot a wonderful wine to enjoy right now with a variety of culinary delights.

Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

Brian Maloney
Winemaker