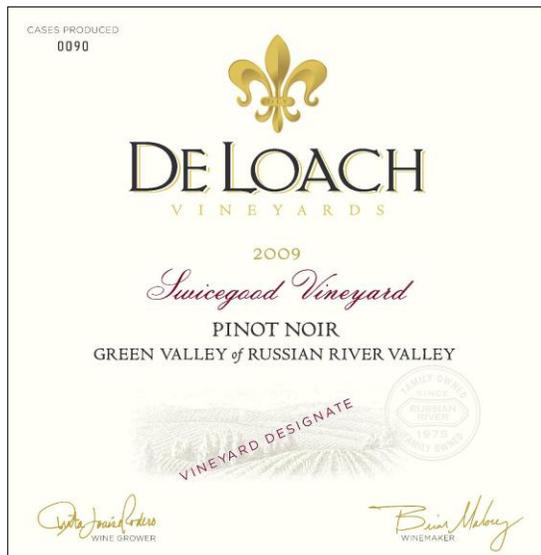




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**Appellation:**  
Sonoma Coast

**Harvest Date:**  
Sept 8, 2009

**Alcohol:**  
14% by volume

**pH:**  
3.51

**Titratable Acidity:**  
5.8 g/L

**Aged in Oak:**  
100%  
~25% New Oak~

**Origin of Oak:**  
French

**Months in Barrel:**  
11

**Production:**  
90 Cases

## 2009 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.

### *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. In 2009, we combined portions of both blocks to make the wine and show the strength's of grower Anita Rodero's entire Vineyard.

### *Tasting Notes*

This delicate Pinot Noir is rich with aromas and flavors of blackberry, strawberry, bay leaf and spice. Upon entry, you will notice its full body matched with good structure and just the right amount of complexity. This wine is well-balanced and finishes with a juicy, lush, round palate. Would make an excellent companion to grilled salmon or a seared duck breast with a blackcurrant glaze.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker

