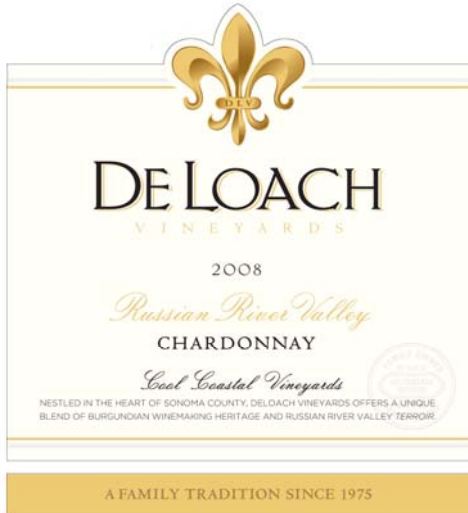




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.43

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
5.34 g/L

MALOLACTIC CONVERSION:
25%

AGED IN OAK:
40%
~ 20% New ~

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
11

PRODUCTION:
7,193 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$18

2008

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

Our 2008 Russian River Chardonnay was crafted from a blend of grapes from premium vineyards, predominately Boriolo and Balleto, in the heart of the Russian River Valley. Carefully tended vines yield fruit of exemplary quality, a pure expression of the valley's *terroir*. The cool foggy mornings are tempered by luxuriously warm afternoons to achieve fruit maturity without loss of depth or suppleness.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The wine was fermented in 60% stainless steel tanks and 40% French oak barrels for 11 months with 25% Malolactic fermentation, resulting in a wine with bright acidity and a rich, round mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay meticulously integrates two distinct styles of crisp refinement and rich elegance. Enticing aromas of baked apple pie coupled with a layer of ripe citrus invite you to explore further. On the palate, bright acidity is touched with a delicate oak influence, with flavors of cinnamon and brown baking spices mingled with Asian pear and ripe tangerines. This medium-bodied Chardonnay spreads slowly across your palate towards a brilliant finish. Pairs well with braised chicken or grilled artichokes basted with lemon-garlic butter.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker