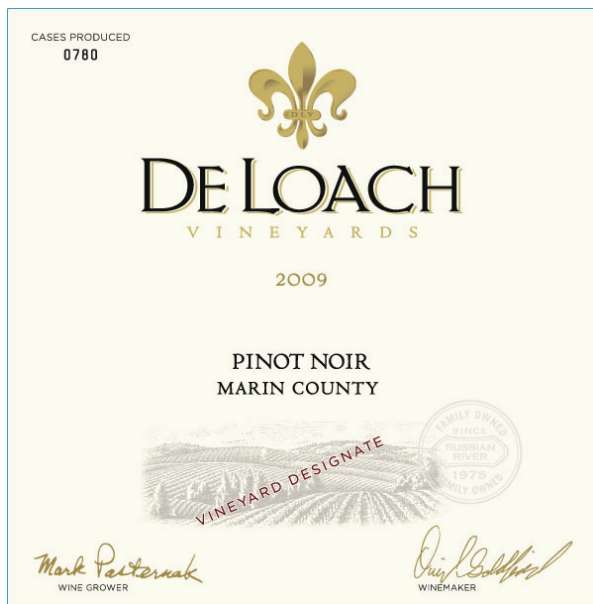




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION:**  
Marin County

**ALCOHOL:**  
13.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.66

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
5.9g/L

**AGED IN OAK:**  
100%  
~ 40% New ~

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
French

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$30

## 2009 MARIN COUNTY PINOT NOIR

### Marin County

Blanketed by water, with the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Francisco Bay to the east, Marin County is one of the coolest AVAs in California. The winter temperatures are typically warmer than Napa and Sonoma because of the surrounding bodies of water and its heavy precipitation. While bud break is accelerated, the cool spring and summer seasons lead to long hang times. This longer growing season lends itself to high quality wines with balance, natural acidity, and lower alcohol levels.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

A blend of four distinct sites throughout Marin County, the base of this cool-climate Pinot Noir is from two mature vineyards in the northernmost reaches of the Marin County appellation that border the Petaluma Gap: the Stubbs and Corda Vineyards. Despite their similar locales, they provide very different flavor profiles; the cooler Stubbs Vineyard provides a lacy texture and floral aromatics while the Corda Vineyard provides a warmer-climate, red berry core surrounded by more burly tannins. As counterpoints to these more mature vineyard selections, the newer Azaya Vineyard is perfectly situated and destined for greatness; the spice and perfume along with its delicate texture provide lift to the overall blend. The final element to the blend is a vineyard off of Lucas Valley Road whose hilltop exposure provides a tannic density and power to drive the finish of the wine. The Pinot Noirs from the four vineyards were all fermented in small open top fermentors, some wooden and some stainless steel, then pressed in our basket press and aged in French oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Lovely floral aromatics are complemented nicely by dark red berry on the nose. The wine has a delicate texture, with black cherry and hints of rhubarb and cola. Berry, allspice and ginger add to the long finish of this wine. Smooth, integrated tannins make this a well structured Pinot Noir that is very food-friendly.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Dan Goldfield*

DAN GOLDFIELD  
Winemaker

