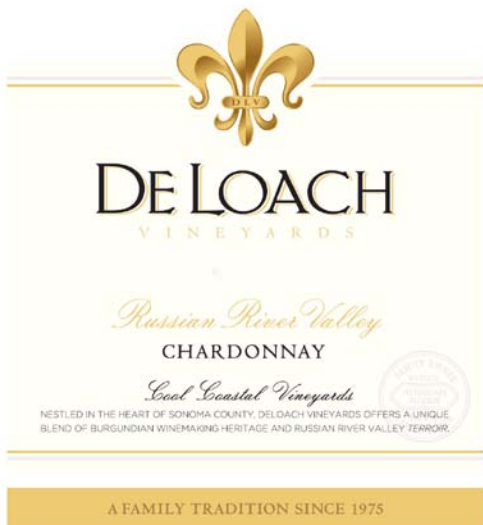




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.39

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.2 g/L

MALOLACTIC CONVERSION:
60%

AGED IN OAK:
30%
25% New Oak

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
7 months

PRODUCTION:
11,105 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$18

2009

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2009 vintage of this 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 about 30% French oak barrels, with the balance in stainless steel tanks. The wine went through 100% Malolactic fermentation, resulting in a well-balanced 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 citrus and melon invite you to explore further. On the palate, bright acidity is touched with a delicate oak influence, with flavors of lime and lemon bar mingled with muskmelon and tart Gravenstein apple. This medium-bodied Chardonnay spreads slowly across your palate towards a brilliant finish of creamy vanilla. 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