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VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*

## 2009 SKYVIEW PINOT NOIR

### Marin County

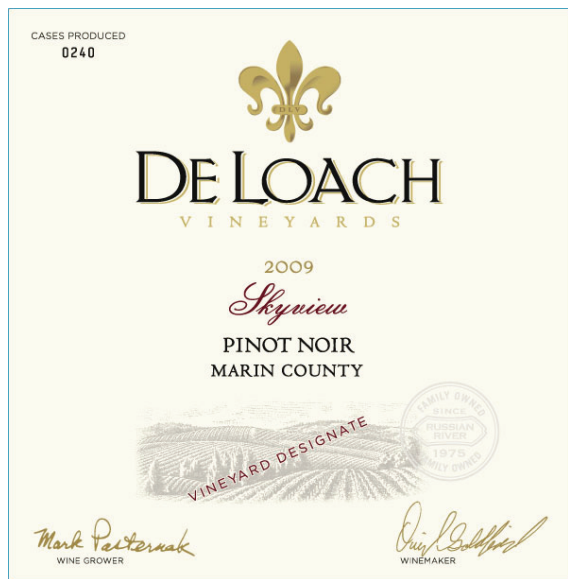
Blanketed by water, with the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Francisco Bay to the east, Marin County is one of the coolest AVAs in California. The winter temperatures are typically warmer than Napa and Sonoma because of the surrounding bodies of water and its heavy precipitation. While bud break 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

The Skyview Vineyard is located in Lucas Valley on a hilltop that faces to the Southeast. Its several miles to the south and the most isolated from the Pacific, with less fog influence, and most of the vineyard sheltered from the wind. The higher elevation acts as a moderating influence in terms of weather keeping it warmer and providing an incredibly dark color and concentration resulting from the combination of altitude and aspect. The vineyard has distinctly different sections with a "plateau" portion on the top that then slopes quite steeply down to the southeast. The soil is fairly well drained with some intact rock in the steeper portions of the vineyard.

### Tasting Notes

This wine is fairly big in style, dark in color and intense on the palate. Notes of blackberry and cedar are intertwined with ginger, clove, allspice and Szechuan peppercorn. This wine delivers focused dark berry fruit, and finishes with layers of plum, cherry and earth.



**APPELLATION:**  
Marin County

**ALCOHOL:**  
13.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.53

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
6.3g/L

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

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
French

**MONTHS IN BARREL:**  
15

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$40

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Dan Goldfield*

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Winemaker