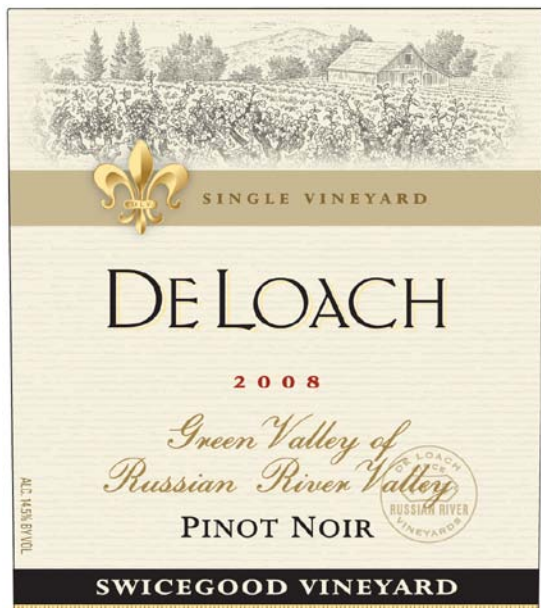




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION:**  
Sonoma Coast

**HARVEST DATE:**  
18 Sept. 2008

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.57

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
4.8 g/L

**AGED IN OAK:**  
100%  
~25% New Oak~

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
French

**MONTHS IN BARREL:**  
14

**PRODUCTION:**  
120 Cases

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$50

## 2008 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, for 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. It was only in 2008, after four years of working with grower Anita Rodero, that we were able to finally see the full potential of this vineyard.

### TASTING NOTES

This delicate Pinot Noir is elegant and perfumy on the nose with nuances of rose petal. Upon entry, note a light, red robe immediately followed by flavors of delicious red cherry and raspberry fruits. Hints of cola and saffras add to a complex yet enjoyable palate. This wine is well-balanced and finishes with a lush, round palate. Excellent alone or with grilled salmon or a seared duck breast with a blackcurrant glaze.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker