



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.09

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.6 g/L

AGED IN OAK:
100%
~17% New Oak~

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
7

PRODUCTION:
50 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$30

2009 RITCHIE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC

IN THE VINEYARD

In the heart of the cool Russian River Valley, this gently sloped vineyard bends around a northwest-facing knoll of well-drained Goldridge loam soil. The struggling gnarly vines, nearly 40 years old, yield small clusters with ripe skins and concentrated, rich fruit character.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand-picked, sorted and allowed several hours of skin contact after crushing to develop phenolic extraction, then pressed to tank for several days of cold-settling. The juice was then transferred to barrels and inoculated with a strain of yeast (selected in the Loire Valley of France) notable for increasing aromatic complexity, softening mouthfeel and enhancing sympathetic cool-climate varietal characters to balance mineral, citrus and spicy notes. Subsequent barrel fermentation and *sur lie* aging lend firmness, palate richness and breadth to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Engaging notes of springtime lift from the glass as wildflowers swirl with threads of fresh grass, white pepper and delicate anise to support layers of Crane melon and complementary ribbons of tangy lime and minerality on the palate. This medium-bodied wine offers a plush, yet structured mouthfeel and clean acidity that carries through the long finish.

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker