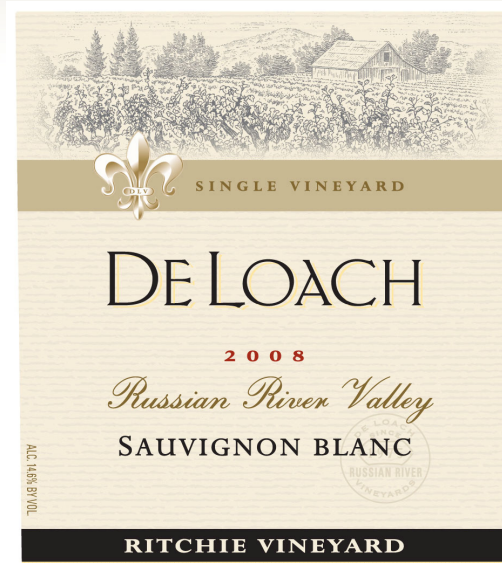




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Original

2008 RITCHIE VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC



HARVEST DATE:
2 SEPTEMBER 2008

ALCOHOL:
14.6% v/v

PH:
3.20

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.42 g/L

AGED IN OAK:
25%

AGED IN NEW OAK:
5%

ORIGIN OF OAK:
FRENCH

MONTHS IN BARREL:
7

PRODUCTION:
470 CASES

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$30

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. The grapes were hand-picked, sorted and pressed to tank for cold-settling. Some of the juice was transferred to barrels and inoculated with a Spanish strain of yeast notable for increasing aromatic complexity. Subsequent *sur lie* aging lends firmness and palate richness, which contribute depth to the final blend. The balance of the juice was fermented in stainless steel with a hearty South African yeast selection, and was blended with the barrel-aged portion just prior to bottling.

The nose offers aromas of white pepper, citrus and fresh cut grass. On the palate, layers of tangy Ruby Red grapefruit complement ribbons of rich lychee ice cream and lemon blossoms. The elements mingle to define a delicately plush, yet structured mouthfeel.



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