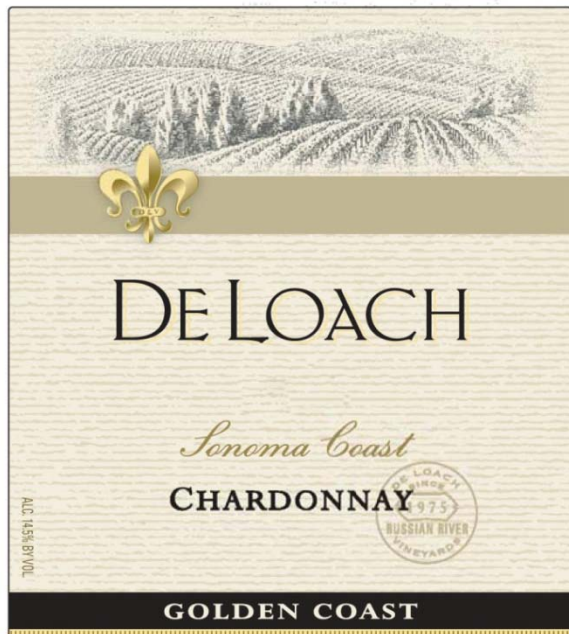




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Sonoma Coast

HARVEST DATE:
Sept 24 – Oct 16, 2008

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.51

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
5.27 g/L

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

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:
100%

MONTHS IN BARREL:
12

PRODUCTION:
286 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$45

2008 GOLDEN COAST CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

From two of the great Chardonnay areas of Sonoma County, the Golden Soils of the Sonoma Coast are the driving force behind this intense Chardonnay. The main vineyard in the blend is the Thornton Vineyard on the eastern slopes of Sonoma Mountain overlooking Carneros. It basks in the cool rays of the sun as it lies in the path of the winds off of the Pacific as well as San Pablo Bay. While above the fog line, the site is still chilled by the cold air. The vines struggle under these growing conditions, resulting in a very long growing season and very small open clusters with thick skins and very low yields. The accent vineyard is Hawk Hill, located above the small village of Freestone in the western reaches of Sonoma. Its growing conditions are even more extreme than that of Thornton and its natural acidity helps liven the palate and lengthen the finish on this incredible wine.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The wine is barrel fermented within its individual barrel lots, approximately 1/3 of the barrels are new oak, mostly from the Allier region in the Center of France. The wines are kept separate on lees through both primary and secondary fermentation, and then racked together about two months prior to bottling. Total time in barrel is close to 9 months.

TASTING NOTES

The nose opens with aromas of rich oak, parmesan rind and jasmine flowers, followed by lush butterscotch, baked apple and white chocolate. The palate is full and rich with a creamy mouth feel. Hints of lemon curd and green apple linger into a long finish. Nice acid levels are well-integrated in this delicious and elegant wine.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker