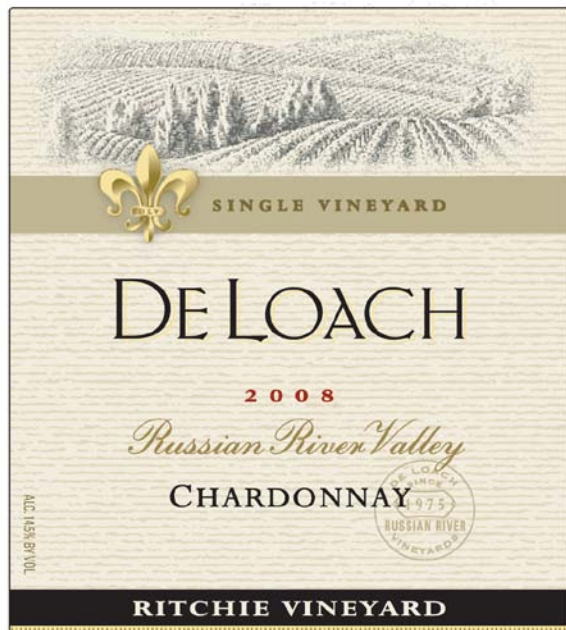




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE:
9 Sept 2008

ALCOHOL:
15% by volume

pH:
3.5

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
4.9 g/L

AGED IN OAK:
100%
~35% New Oak~

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
10

PRODUCTION:
96 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$45

2008 RITCHIE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

With its beautiful old vines nestled on a rolling northwest-facing hillside in the heart of the Russian River Valley, the Ritchie vineyard commands respect. First planted in 1972, the benchland soil is pure Goldridge loam, common to great vineyards in the region.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

A blend of two Chardonnay clones contributes to the unique character of this wine: the Musqué clone yields fruit of delightful floral and sweet spice nuance, while the Wente clone imparts rich texture and multi-dimensional layers of fruit. Hand picking, sorting, and whole-cluster basket pressing preserves these flavors, while barrel fermentation and *sur lie* aging lend firmness and palate richness, establishing structure for this wine to retain depth and complexity for several years.

TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Ritchie Vineyard Chardonnay reveals the refreshing characteristics of lemon cream followed by a slightly toasty aroma on the nose. On the palate, nuances of baked apple, tangerine and light clove develop into a well-balanced wine with good acid and a medium plus body. Finally, a ripe, juicy mouth feel leads you in to a long, smooth finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker