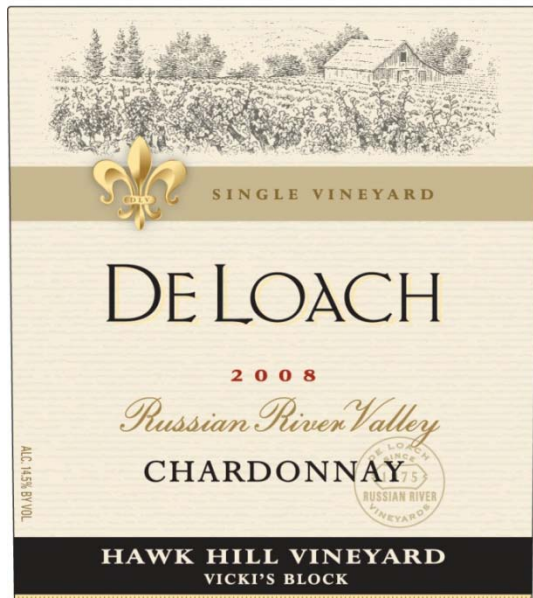




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE:
Oct. 2, 2008

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.37

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.20 g/L

AGED IN OAK:
100%
~50% New Oak~

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:
100%

MONTHS IN BARREL:
11

PRODUCTION:
77

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$60

2008 VICKI'S BLOCK HAWK HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from a small block in the heart of Hawk Hill, in what we feel is the best section of the entire estate. The vines are slightly younger than the older blocks up hill, yet their aspect is slightly more protected from the wind, yielding the small intense fruit that Hawk Hill is renowned for, but a little earlier and with a touch more sweetness and a touch less acid.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Fermented separately from the older vines, this is our inaugural release of the Vicki's Block Chardonnay from the Hawk Hill vineyard. We whole cluster pressed the bunches, let them settle overnight, and then fermented them in barrels, of which one third were new barrels from the Allier region. The wines were aged sur-lie for 10 months during both primary and secondary fermentations, and then racked and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay boasts unique characteristics of toasted bread and gunflint on the nose, followed by aromas of cantaloupe melon and nutmeg spice. Notes of Fuji apple and savory spice jump off the palate, complementing this nicely acidic wine. Notes of musk and steel add complexity to the finish.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker