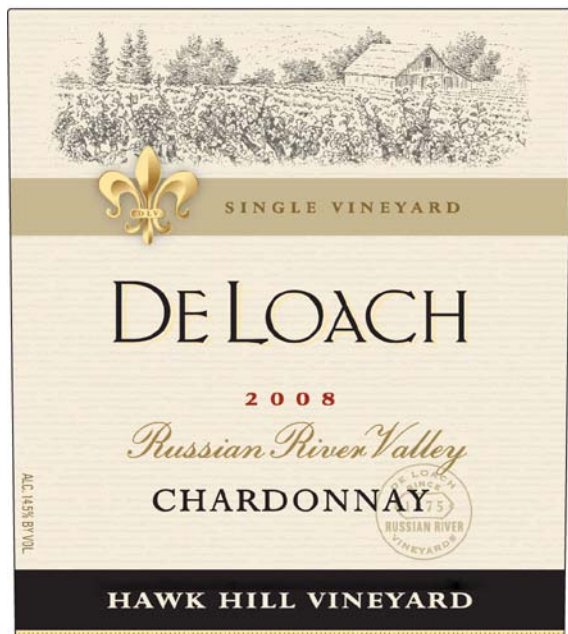




DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



APPELLATION:
Russian River Valley

HARVEST DATE:
2 Oct 2008

ALCOHOL:
14.5% by volume

pH:
3.37

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:
6.2 g/L

AGED IN OAK:
100%
~40% New Oak~

ORIGIN OF OAK:
French

MONTHS IN BARREL:
11

PRODUCTION:
262 Cases

SUGGESTED RETAIL:
\$50

2008 HAWK HILL CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

The Hawk Hill Vineyard is situated in the far southwest corner of the Russian River Valley at an old stage coach stop. The vineyard hangs onto a steep south-facing hillside, bathed by regular fog cycles and coastal wind. Grapevines struggle to ripen their fruit at such a cool site, but meticulous viticulture practices and patience are rewarded with an opulent range of flavors and impressive complexity from the long hang time. Minerality and acidity are preserved in this climate, deftly complementing the richness captured from our winemaking

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

We select clone 5 grapes from Hawk Hill that are hand-picked, sorted, whole-cluster pressed and barrel fermented with the Montrachet yeast strain. The wine is aged in French oak barrels, 40% new, for 11 months prior to bottling, and undergoes 100% Malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Hawk Hill Chardonnay shows remarkably well, and will be a favorite among those who have the opportunity to try it. Intense aromas of ripe Valencia oranges and mouth-watering Golden Delicious apples fill the glass, only to be followed by flavors of warm honey, galette, and a minerality likened to dusty river stones, culminating with a long-lasting and pure finish. A complex wine with layers and structure stemming from the delightful fresh acidity balanced with the creaminess of freshly churned butter. Cracked crab cocktail, Shrimp Louie with mixed spring greens, and homemade chicken pot pie are but a handful of dishes that pair well with this extraordinary Chardonnay.

Jean Charles Boisset

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET
Proprietor

Brian Maloney

BRIAN MALONEY
Winemaker