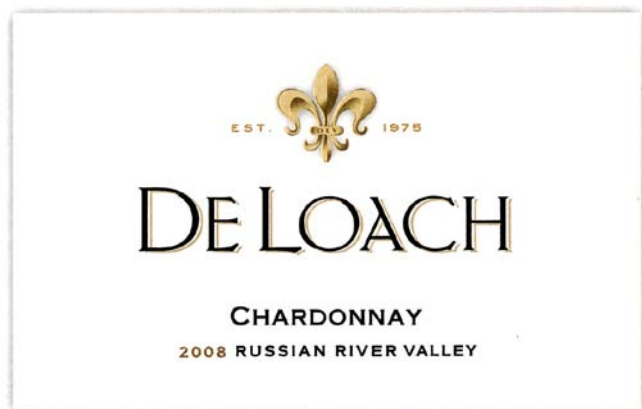




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION:**  
Russian River Valley

**ALCOHOL:**  
14.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.43

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
5.34 g/L

**MALOLACTIC CONVERSION:**  
90%

**AGED IN OAK:**  
90%  
~30% New Oak~

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
French

**MONTHS IN BARREL:**  
9

**PRODUCTION:**  
1,417 Cases

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$30

## 2008 O.F.S. CHARDONNAY

### IN THE VINEYARD

The 2008 vintage of Our Finest Selection Chardonnay is a partnership amongst the best vineyards within the Russian River Valley. The Norris vineyard in Chalk Hill lends floral notes and pure fruit expression, preserved by its long, cool fermentation in stainless steel. The Ritchie and Balletto vineyards, located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, contribute richness and balance with their barrel-aging fermentation. Fruit from the Boriolo, Hawk Hill, and Windmill vineyards yield respective power, nerve and elegance.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Barrels are hand-selected to craft the final blend a month prior to bottling to ensure the vessel is the best accompaniment to the blend. The wine was aged in 90% French oak, with 30% new barrels, for 9 months prior to bottling, and undergoes 90% Malolactic fermentation.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2008 OFS Chardonnay is a beautifully balanced wine, with a complex flavors that reflect the unique *terroir* of the individual vineyards. Hints of honey butter blend with citrus and vanilla bean to heighten the anticipation of the full experience. The wine is medium-to-full bodied, with a delightful union of acidity and velvety mouthfeel, highlighting flavors of juicy Fuji apples, refreshing lemon zest, and creamy caramel that extends to a long-lasting finish. This Chardonnay has strong enough shoulders to pair well with heavy sauces and succulent lobster, yet elegant enough to complement a lighter fare.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
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*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
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