



DE LOACH
VINEYARDS

The Russian River Valley Original



Appellation: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

pH: 3.44

Titrateable Acidity: 5.47 g/L

Aged in Oak: 70% Oak, 20% new

Origin of Oak: French

Months in Barrel: 10

2016 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Russian River Valley Chardonnay is predominantly harvested from the BCD Vineyard, the Norris Vineyard, and the Boriolo Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards contributes their unique complexities to the final blend.

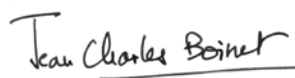
The BCD Vineyard, located adjacent to the DeLoach Estate on a very gentle south facing slope, features heavy clay soils that decrease the vigor of the vines and is influenced by the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The Norris Vineyard is located in the Chalk Hill sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley and is planted to two clones of Chardonnay – 809 and 17. Clone 809 provides floral and other high-tone aromatics while the Clone 17 lends richer, riper fruit flavors. The Boriolo Vineyard is located on the Olivet Bench northeast of the winery. The vineyard's sandy and clay loam soils produce fruit that is higher in acidity with more minerality and offering fresh fruit flavors. Together, these vineyards produce the backbone of our Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The wine underwent 100% Malolactic fermentation and was aged for 10 months in 70% French oak barrels (20% new), with the balance in stainless steel tanks. The result was a well-balanced wine with bright acidity and a rich, round mouthfeel.

TASTING NOTES

A delightful straw yellow color in the glass, our 2016 Russian River Valley Chardonnay entices the senses with aromas of vanilla and Gravenstein apple. Its elegant palate reveals lemon marmalade and nutmeg with a beautiful, medium body and long finish. This Chardonnay pairs well with a variety of light dishes and effortlessly combines the two distinct styles of crisp refinement and rich elegance.


Jean-Charles Boisset
Proprietor


Brian Maloney
Winemaker