

De Loach,
`Heritage Collection` Pinot Noir 2022
California, USA



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Brian Maloney
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

The winery and vineyards were originally owned and run by Cecil and Christine De Loach. In 2003, the family run Burgundian estate Jean-Claude Boisset purchased De Loach and brought the focus back to the estate's original high-quality winemaking philosophy, with specific emphasis on small lot winemaking, particularly of Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The winery's 7-hectare estate vineyard has been completely restored and converted to organic and biodynamic viticulture, a tradition upheld by many foremost Burgundian vineyards. The De Loach estate vineyards are certified organic by CCOF.

VINEYARDS

All the De Loach wines are made and bottled at their estate facility. The Pinot Noir was made from fruit grown in premium vineyards throughout northern and central California, helping to achieve a unique balance of delicate Pinot characteristics and more intense fruit flavours.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage yielded excellent quality fruit. Following several drought years in California, substantial winter rainfall helped to replenish water reserves. This was followed by a dry March. Spring frosts in April and May reduced yields. The warm late summer and autumn provided excellent ripening conditions and harvest started two weeks ahead of average. Overall, yields were slightly down, but concentration was very good.

VINIFICATION

A pre-fermentation cold soak was followed by fermentation in closed-top fermenters. Post-fermentation maceration took place at a warmer temperature to extract good colour and ripe tannins. A small portion of the wine was barrel aged to add some oak complexity, but most was kept in stainless steel tanks to retain freshness and purity of fruit.

TASTING NOTES

An elegant and well-balanced Pinot Noir, offering juicy flavours of raspberry and strawberry, accented beautifully with a touch of white pepper. It is medium-bodied with ripe tannins and crunchy acidity.