

De Loach,
Russian River Valley Pinot Noir 2022
Sonoma County, California, USA



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Brian Maloney
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	6.6g/L
Wine pH	3.62
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Biodynamic, Vegetarian, Vegan

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

The Pinot Noir is sourced from three vineyard sites across the Russian River: the BCD Vineyard, the Heintz Vineyard and the Murray Vineyard. Each of these Russian River Valley Vineyards contributes their unique complexities to the final blend. The vines are grown on Huichica clay loam soils.

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

Crafted using traditional Burgundian techniques, the grapes were hand sorted then fermented in small vats with manual punch-downs for gentle extraction of tannins. The wine was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels (20% new) to create a complex, multi-layered Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful ruby colour with red fruit aromas of strawberry and cherry. Raspberry, rhubarb and dark plum flavours are met with a touch of spice and bright acidity. Its a medium-bodied wine with moderate tannins and lingering and mouthwatering finish.