

De Loach, `Heritage Reserve` California Chardonnay 2014

PRODUCER

The winery and vineyards were originally owned and run by the De Loach family, with Cecil De Loach as winemaker. 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 17-acre 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

For the 'Heritage Reserve' series, Russian River Valley wines are combined with those from selected premier cool-climate growing regions in California, particularly the Central Coast, to produce an approachable, good value range. De Loach practices sustainable viticulture and minimally intrusive winemaking.

VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage across California was an ideal growing season with perfect conditions for bloom and fruit set. A dry winter led to a mild spring and cool summer. The extra summer fog and cloud cover allowed for an extended growing season resulting in excellent flavour concentration combined with good acidity and structure.

VINIFICATION

The majority of must was cool fermented in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures. Approximately 20% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation. A small amount of richly textured barrel-fermented Chardonnay was blended in to attain a more balanced wine. One third of the wine was aged in small French oak barrels for five months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 California Chardonnay displays nicely integrated notes of green figs and creamy vanilla that intertwine perfectly with tropical flavours of pineapple, papaya and mango. Immediately enjoyable, this is delightfully balanced with a bright acidity. It is soft and lingers long on the palate.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	California
Grape Varieties	100% Chardonnay
Features	Vegetarian
Closure	Twintop
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	1.6g/L
Acidity	5.67g/L
Wine pH	3.56
Bottle Sizes	75cl