

The Russian River Valley Original



A FAMILY TRADITION SINCE 1975

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 12.5% by volume

рН: 3.46

Titratable Acidity: 5.2 g/L

PRODUCTION: 200 Cases

Suggested Retail: \$18

2009 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY LATE HARVEST GEWURZTRAMINER

In the Vineyard

Using estate grapes and selected fruit from growers in the Russian River Valley, the "Russian River Valley" series of wines represent the "heart and soul" of DeLoach offerings. Consistently award winning and satisfying, the wines exhibit an elegant fruit-forward flavor profile unique to this appellation. Our Late Harvest Gewurztraminer is made only in those years when growing conditions allow the grapes to develop the rich qualities necessary for this sort of wine.

Conversations with the Winemaker

The late harvest Gewurztraminer was harvested over *two* days from Saralee's vineyard in the heart of the Russian River Valley, allowing us to optimize fruit ripeness across the harvest. The first pick was pressed directly to tank, while the second pick was crushed to a bin to cold-soak overnight for additional extraction, then was pressed the next day to barrel, and blended with the first lot several days later for a long, cold native fermentation in a stainless steel tank, which was arrested one month later. The wine remained in the same chilled tank (on lees) for two months before racking for further settling.

TASTING NOTES

This 2009 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer is straw yellow in color with a tinge of green. An ever-so-slight bit of spritz makes this a refreshing yet savory wine. Luscious honey notes spread across the palate. This wine will pair nicely with a Stilton or Bleu cheese.

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JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET Proprietor

BRIAN MALONEY Winemaker