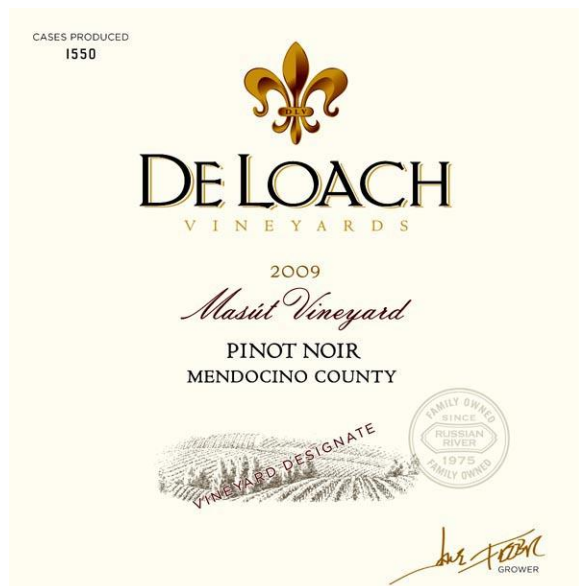




DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

*The Russian River Valley Original*



**APPELLATION:**  
Mendocino County

**HARVEST DATE:**  
4 Sept 2009

**ALCOHOL:**  
15.5% by volume

**pH:**  
3.61

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
6.2 g/L

**AGED IN OAK:**  
100%  
~25% New Oak~

**ORIGIN OF OAK:**  
French

**MONTHS IN BARREL:**  
11

**PRODUCTION:**  
1550 Cases

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:**  
\$45

## 2009 MASÚT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

### IN THE VINEYARD

The hillside of Masút vineyard teems with life: grazing sheep, bees and roaming chickens are part of the land's vibrant nature. In 1996, Pinot Noir clones 115 and 113 were planted according to biodynamic principles; today, these vines are tended to by renowned pioneers of biodynamic farming Jacob Fetzer and his family.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

To best preserve the quality of the grapes and fully express their unique *terroir*, the wine is vinified in open-top fermentors using native yeasts. The grapes undergo hand punchdowns and after the maceration is complete, the juice is extracted using a gentle basket press.

### TASTING NOTES

This seductive Pinot Noir opens with aromas of fresh baked cherry pie, pomegranate and plumb intermingling with hints of cinnamon and nutmeg. Led by a rich base of caramel and blackstrap molasses, the palate builds as spicy earth flavors are lifted and framed by taut tannins and accented by a subtle minerality that leads to a soft, yet voluptuous finish. Try it as an elegant aperitif paired with *bors d'oeuvres*, or with a bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin with apple-cranberry chutney.

*Jean Charles Boisset*

JEAN-CHARLES BOISSET  
Proprietor

*Brian Maloney*

BRIAN MALONEY  
Winemaker