

## TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.56

TA: 6.0 g/L

AGING: 100% French oak,

30% new

MONTHS IN BARREL: 14







Pinot Hoir

# ESTATE VINEYARD

OLIVET BENCH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINTAGE 2018

#### IN THE VINEYARD

On February 3, 2010, Demeter USA, the only certification agent for Biodynamic® farms in the United States, certified the 17-acre estate vineyard and garden at DeLoach Vineyards, fully compliant with their standards for Demeter Biodynamic status. As one of less than 100 wineries or vineyards in the U.S. with Demeter certified Biodynamic estate vineyards, DeLoach is among an elite group of sustainable wine grape growers committed to farming in parallel with the Earth's natural cycles.

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

Planted on Huichica clay loam soil, our Estate has eight blocks of Pinot Noir with a unique combination of clone and rootstock. The 2018 Estate Pinot Noir is made using all of our eight estate clones – 115, 828, Swan, La Tache, Calera and Mt. Eden, 777 and 23. This combination of clones showcases the ideal expression of the estate's terroir and were fermented in individual lots with native yeasts in open top fermenters, basket-pressed and aged on lees before being blended together.

## TASTING NOTES

This 2018 Estate Pinot Noir opens with a bouquet of black cherry, mulberry fruits and notes of vanilla and herbs. Rich and full-bodied, flavors of dark chocolate are layered with juicy cherry, red plum and raspberry. Supple tannins with bright acidity are followed by a savory and lingering finish.