



DE LOACH  
VINEYARDS

## *Pinot Noir*

### GREEN VALLEY

GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2022

#### IN THE VINEYARD

In the western hills of the Russian River Valley, the small Green Valley appellation is one of Sonoma County's coolest regions. Evening fog rolls in over from the Pacific Ocean to temper the warm summer days. These optimal conditions extend the growing season, encouraging flavor concentration in the berries while soils rich in minerals from an ancient seabed infuse the fruit with nuanced flavors.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This wine is a blend from several vineyards and Pinot Noir clones, each of which contributes something unique to the finished wine. The backbone of the blend is from the late-ripening Ferguson Vineyard (Swan Clone) which lends dark, intense fruit and tannins to the wine. The Giberti Vineyard (Clone 115) ripens earlier in a slightly warmer area of the valley while the Swicegood Vineyard (Clone 777, 667, 115) has soils that are reminiscent of those in Burgundy: rich in clay and calcareous. Grapes are destemmed and go through native fermentation in open-top vats with hand punchdowns before being aged for 12 months in 45% new French oak barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES

From the first swirl, alluring aromas of juicy black cherry unfurl, subtly accented by a ribbon of warm, spiced cinnamon. Beneath this vivid introduction lie intricate layers of bright raspberry and succulent red cherry, seamlessly interwoven with silken vanilla and fragrant baking spices. The palate is graced with a harmonious balance of lively acidity and plush, rounded tannins, delivering a sumptuous, polished texture. This sensory journey concludes with an extended, captivating finish that leaves a lasting, graceful imprint.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Green Valley of Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.73

TA: 5.4 g/L

AGING: 12 months in 45% new French oak

HARVEST DATE: September 8, 2022

