



## De Loach, `Heritage Reserve` California Pinot Noir 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

All the De Loach wines are made and bottled at their estate facility. The Pinot Noir was made from fruit grown in premium vineyards throughout northern and central California, helping to achieve a unique balance of delicate Pinot characteristics and more intense fruit flavours.

### VINTAGE

The area's harvest was unusually early in 2014, not surprising given the state's ongoing drought, which was so extreme that the cover crops in many vineyards never took hold. Substantial rain in late February and early March relieved most of the stress and set up the vines for a vigorous start. "Early" was the key word all season, from budbreak to veraison to harvest. Thankfully, the hotter months proved milder than most expected.

### VINIFICATION

Fruit for this Pinot Noir was primarily sourced from the Delta region of California and underwent minimal handling. A pre-fermentation cold soak was followed by fermentation in closed-top fermenters. Post fermentation warm maceration took place to extract good colour and ripe tannins. A small portion of the wine was barrel aged to add some slight oak complexity, but most was kept in stainless steel in order to stay true to its lighter, food-friendly style.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2014 California Pinot Noir is an elegant, well-balanced wine. Offering mouthwatering flavours of cherry and strawberry, it is accented beautifully with just a touch of spice and earthiness. The wine is light in body, with a medium finish.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| <b>Vintage</b>         | 2014            |
| <b>Region</b>          | California      |
| <b>Grape Varieties</b> | 100% Pinot Noir |
| <b>Winemaker</b>       | David Ramey     |
| <b>Features</b>        | Sustainable     |
| <b>Closure</b>         | Twintop         |
| <b>ABV</b>             | 13.5%           |
| <b>Bottle Sizes</b>    | 75cl            |