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## De Loach Vineyard in Sonoma CA, now certified organic is going a step furter: Biodynamic

At De Loach Vineyards in the Russian River Valley in Santa Rosa, vineyard manager Eric Pooler checks his vines. The first crop of Certified Organic CCOF and soon to be certified BioDynamic is due in September 2010.

The half-acre certified organic garden thrives with life: sheep that eat the weeds, chickens, an insectarium for beneficial insects and an endless variety of fruits and vegetables that enable honeybees to pollinate the flowers. The garden is surrounded by fragrant herbs used both in the kitchen and for the biodynamic preparations that Eric Pooler applies to the vines.



De Loach Vieyards has been making wine in Russian River Valley since 1975, and since it has been purchased by the Burgundian family-owned Boisset - one of France's leading producers of Pinot Noir , it has become a pioneer in terroir-driven Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Zinfandels

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