

Santa Rosa, California

# DeLoach Vineyards



1. A visit to the winery is peaceful and relaxing 2. The new tasting room 3. A sustainable garden provides cooking ingredients and more 4. Tours of the barrel rooms and vineyards are offered 5. Guests are encouraged to picnic on the shaded lawn

## WHAT TO BUY

'06 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley: Pear, apple, lemon, cinnamon, hazelnut \$16

'06 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley: Cola, dark fruit, barrel spice \$20

'06 Pinot Noir, Green Valley: Spice, pomegranate, cherries, rose petals \$45

'05 Forgotten Vines Zinfandel: Raspberry, bramble, cassis, barrel spice \$32

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Tasting Room Open Daily 10-5

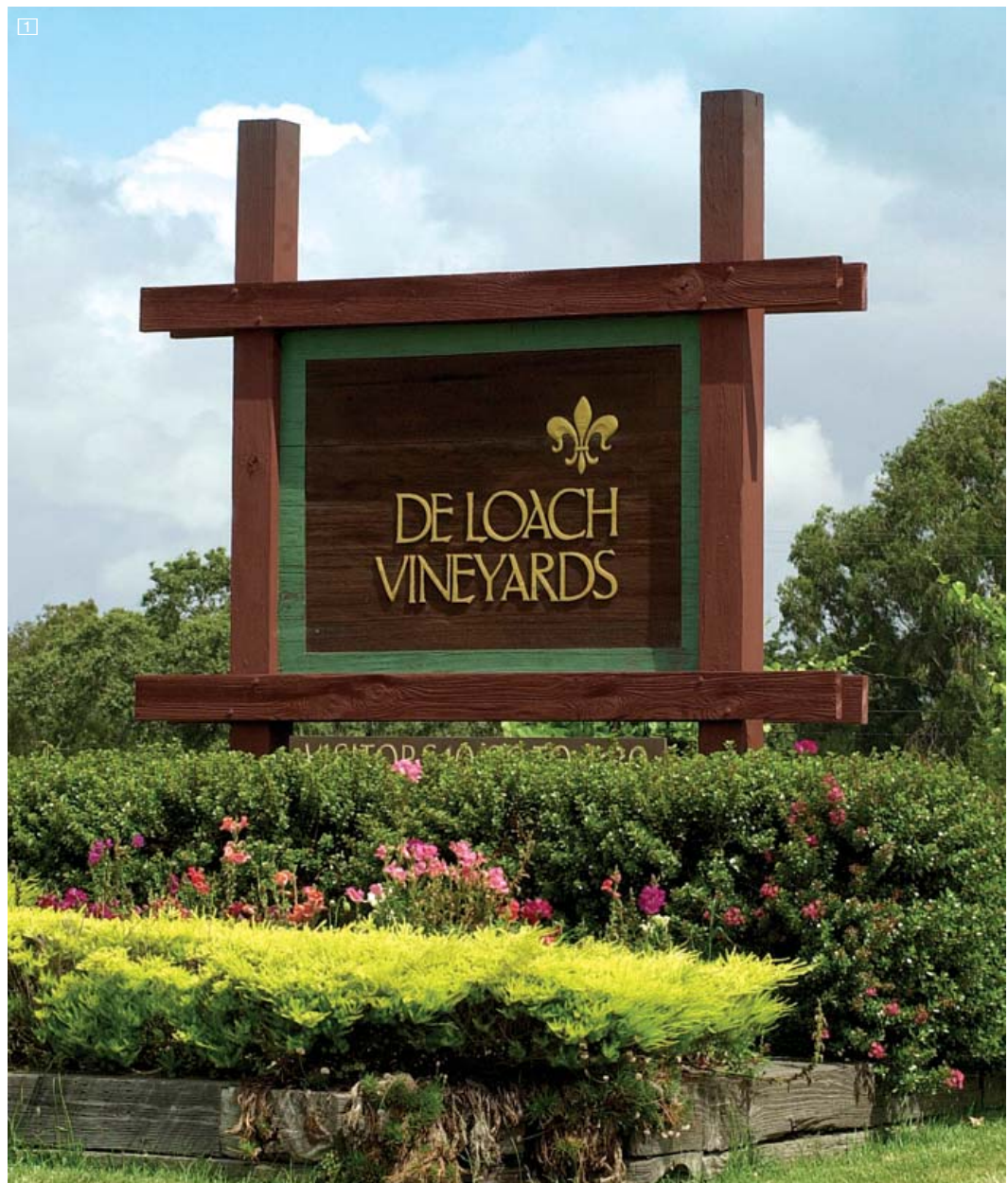
## GETTING THERE

Take Highway 101 to River Rd. Exit. Go west five miles to Olivet Rd. and turn left. Take Olivet to winery on right side of the road.

**I**N THE HEART OF America's Burgundy—the Russian River Valley—DeLoach Vineyards has long emphasized the noble Burgundian varieties of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, along with the quintessentially-American grape, Zinfandel. The winery's shake-roofed building, tucked amongst the vineyard rows, has evolved in the past 32 years—from a small operation with a few fermenting tanks and aging barrels—to a modern facility designed for the specific needs of each handcraft-

ed wine. DeLoach was the first to plant Pinot Noir on the Russian River Valley's Olivet Bench, releasing 1,100 cases of estate wine from the Barbieri Ranch in 1975. Three decades later, the winery maintains its deep commitment to conveying Russian River Valley *terroir* through distinctive Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Zinfandel.

DeLoach Vineyards focuses on small-lot winemaking and features wines from three tiers: Russian River Valley; OFS (Our Finest Selection), and Vineyard Designates which showcase the



unique characteristics of specific vineyard sites from the region's most prestigious *terroirs*. At DeLoach, the passion is Pinot Noir. To truly capture the elegant flavors of this fragile grape, a delicate, labor-intensive process is required. French open-top wood fermentors are used to make all OFS and Vineyard Designate Pinot Noir, as well as DeLoach's Old Vine Zinfandel.

"I don't believe in practicing safe winemaking," Winemaker Greg LaFollette says, "so the wine goes to the limit of what it can be." He chooses open-top fermentors and wild yeast for the delicate Pinot Noirs to encourage full expression of the grape. Greg came to DeLoach three years ago, marking the winery's renewed commitment to the Burgundian varietals. He is met with immense respect throughout the wine world for his impressive Pinot pedigree. The Pinot Report, a leading publication on western Pinot Noir, named Greg the "Pinot Master Vintner of 2004" and Robert Parker named him one of the five finest producers of Pinot Noir in the United States.

LaFollette's partner in the field is Viticulturist Ginny Lambrix, who is in the process of converting 17 acres of DeLoach's estate vineyards to biodynamic farming. The overall approach behind biodynamics is to treat the farm as a self-sustaining, living entity that avoids the cycle of dependence on fertilizers and pesticides by maintaining a balanced, diverse ecology. DeLoach also promotes biodiversity on the estate with chickens, koi fish, a thriving bee hive, and a diverse vegetable and herb garden. The gardens are planted to produce continually with the changing seasons and to demonstrate the wealth of ingredients produced in Sonoma County. The fresh produce is given back to the community or used to prepare fresh meals for winery guests. Flowers grown in the garden are seen in arrangements throughout the estate.

Designed by renowned wine country architect, Howard Backen, a remodeled tasting room opened in May 2005. The friendly, knowledgeable DeLoach staff encourages visitors to linger and learn. Tours of the winery facilities include a walk through the organic garden, estate vineyards, and barrel rooms, where future vintages of DeLoach wines wait to someday be discovered and enjoyed. 🌿



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