

DUTTON Goldfield

2021

DEVIL'S GULCH VINEYARD – OLD GUYS

PINOT NOIR

MARIN COUNTY

APPELLATION

Marin County

VINEYARD

Devil's Gulch Ranch

HARVEST DATE

October 19, 2021

ALCOHOL

14.1 %

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.3 gm/Lit.

pH

3.58

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold
soak, punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 17 months in
French oak
(43% new barrels)

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED

173

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$100

THE VINEYARD

Mark Pasternak is one of Dan's oldest friends in the wine business. They met when Mark called Dan at La Crema looking for a home for his fruit back in 1991 when no one else was interested in Marin County Pinot. At that point, Mark had just 3 acres on top of the hill at his property in the Western Marin County town of Nicasio that he had planted in 1982. He had been selling the grapes for sparkling wine but was determined they could make a fantastic still Pinot. Since these vines are almost 40 years old, this is the lowest yielding block (in Mark's notoriously low yielding vineyard), with tiny berries of very concentrated juice for super dense, spicy, and earthy wines. The vines' age and incredibly challenging conditions give them tremendous character in years they ripen perfectly. 2021 was one of those years, so we had to keep the fruit from these old guys separate for a special bottling.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand sorted and destemmed into small open top fermenters, then cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. We are particularly gentle on the Devil's Gulch to produce silky wine from the inherently high tannin tiny berries. While we mix up the barrel choices in the regular Devil's Gulch bottling, for this wine we wanted the pure vineyard to shine through, so went with all Taransaud T5 barrels that provide weight without other flavors. The wine was bottled in April 2023.

THE WINE

When we saw how the 2021 vintage was coming along at Devil's Gulch, we knew all you Devil's Gulch fans out there would be as excited to take a deep dive into the oldest block of Mark's vineyard as we were. The wine amps up the qualities of the regular bottling to 11 with its luscious mouth-filling quality and density. The nose is extra deep, rich and juicy with its wild blackberry nature jumping out of the glass. Accompanying earthy notes of mushroom support the fruit, while a little blackberry blossom floral accent peeks out underneath. Bramble berries spread out in the broad mouth, packing tons of flavor and richness. The wine is weighty without being heavy, with succulent fruit riding on plush tannins. The density, complexity, and grip let you know this will be a great wine to put a few bottles aside in your cellar and watch it evolve over the years. Enjoy it now with Devil's Gulch rabbit in a red wine sauce, quail stuffed with fig and prosciutto, or porchetta pork roast.

Dutton-Goldfield Winery began in a vineyard in 1998, when longtime colleagues and friends Steve Dutton and Dan Goldfield recognized a shared vision between them — to craft wines that express the personalities of their vineyards, and which they'd enjoy drinking at their own dinner tables. Our mission is to produce world-class wines that display the brightness of fruit, complexity, structure and balance that are reflective of our cool coastal home.