

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2000 Dutton Ranch **PINOT NOIR** Russian River Valley – Green Valley

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley –
Green Valley

VINEYARDS
Green Valley Vineyard
Jewell Vineyard
Morelli Lane Vineyard
Widdoes Vineyard

ALCOHOL
13.5%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
.58

PH
3.36

WINEMAKING
Open top fermentation,
cold soak, manual punch
down.

BARREL AGING
10 months in French oak
(70% new barrels)

WINEMAKER
Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED
1,700

THE VINEYARDS

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty unique, separate vineyards located in the coolest areas of the Russian River Valley, primarily in the Green Valley sub-appellation. For this wine we chose our favorite Dutton Ranch Pinot vineyards to produce a wine reflecting our desire for bright, spicy, supple, food enhancing Pinot Noir. From our choice of clones 115 and Wadensville in the Green Valley Vineyard we get bright high tone raspberry fruit. From the older vines and cold site of Widdoes we obtain deeper blueberry notes and great acid structure. The Pommard and 115 at Jewell Vineyard contribute spice and tannin backbone, and the high hillside of Morelli chips in with its rich, plummy depth.

WINEMAKING

After destemming into small open top fermenters, the must is cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. We punch down by hand up to 4 times daily, according to the stage of the fermentation. Each vineyard, or block, is fermented separately in order to afford optimization of each according to its needs, and to provide us with the most flexibility for blending. After fermentation the individual lots are raked into French oak to age. We at Dutton-Goldfield choose our barrels to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine, instead of showcasing the oak itself. We carefully blend our favorite lots in early spring (we're not shy about culling lots that don't work for us) to allow the blend to marry, as well as to settle for unfiltered bottling. The final blend rests in barrel until early fall, when we bottle.

THE WINE

The 2000 vintage will go down as an exceptional Pinot Noir year in the Russian River Valley. Our 2000 Dutton Ranch is certainly a nice example of the impressive quality of the vintage. This wine displays the classic blackberry, cherry and spice associated with western Sonoma County Pinot Noir, sweet, supple tannins, along with an elegance we like to think of as the Dutton-Goldfield style.