

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2000 Freestone Hill Vineyard **PINOT NOIR** Russian River Valley

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS
Freestone Hill Vineyard

ALCOHOL
13.5%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY
.52

PH
3.75

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

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

WINEMAKER
Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED
315

THE VINEYARDS

Freestone Hill Vineyard is located on a south-facing hillside above the little town of Freestone, on the far southwest edge of the Russian River Appellation. Only a few miles from Bodega Bay, this area is exceptionally cold, and perfectly suited to the Dijon clones of Pinot Noir that are planted in the vineyard. The vines throw a small yield of tight bunches with tiny, thick-skinned berries that produce a wine of great character, spice and intensity.

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. This small vineyard is split into three lots in order to vary fermentation techniques and add complexity to the bottling (e.g. indigenous vs. chosen yeast for fermentation). After fermentation the wine is racked into French oak to age. It will be racked and blended once more in its life to marry the individual barrel and fermentation personalities, and to clarify it for unfiltered bottling. It was bottled in the fall after spending approximately 11 months in wood.

THE WINE

The 2000 Freestone Hill Pinot fulfills the standard set by the outstanding inaugural 1999 vintage. The hallmark of Freestone Hill Pinot is spice. This wine shows sweet cranberry and boysenberry fruit, rich, supple tannins, and tremendous density; but it is the exotic notes of Asian spices, coriander, and ginger that set it apart. This is a wine that fulfills our vision for opulent Pinot from a marginal climate.