

# DUTTON *Goldfield*

2000

RUED VINEYARD (DUTTON RANCH)

CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

**APPELLATION**

Russian River Valley

**VINEYARDS**

Rued Vineyard

**ALCOHOL**

13.5

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY**

.60 gm/100ml.

**PH**

3.48

**WINEMAKING**

100% barrel fermentation,  
100% malolactic  
fermentation, bottled  
unfined and unfiltered, lees  
stirred twice monthly

**BARREL AGING**

10 months in French oak  
(60% new barrels)

**WINEMAKER**

Dan Goldfield

**CASES PRODUCED**

240

**THE VINEYARD**

In 1969 Warren Dutton planted this Chardonnay vineyard on an east-facing hillside west of the town of Graton. It turns out that the bud wood he planted produced wines exhibiting exotic high-toned fruit characteristics and exceptionally rich mouth feel. The clone has since been propagated across California and is referred to as the "Rued Clone". This vineyard's old vines produce clusters with tiny golden translucent berries, solid acidity, and wonderfully enticing flavors.

**WINEMAKING**

After whole cluster pressing, the Rued juice is split into 2 lots to vary yeast usage in the winery. The individual lots are barrel fermented and undergo malolactic fermentation, with the lees stirred twice monthly. The blend is assembled, with the primary lees, in early spring, and continues to age in French oak barrels through the summer. We at Dutton-Goldfield choose our barrels to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine, instead of showcasing the oak itself. The wine is bottled unfined and unfiltered in early fall after approximately ten months in barrel.

**THE WINE**

The unique clone planted in the Rued Vineyard produces a wine with dense floral, pear and tropical fruit on the nose. In the mouth it shows exceptional weight and viscosity. It's like candy for adults: super rich with lots of balancing acidity; a touch of tropical juiciness, a hint of mineral and round kiwi/pear with overtones of toffee and caramel from the oak.

*After working closely together as winemaker and grape grower since 1990, Steve Dutton and Dan Goldfield merged their talents to create Dutton-Goldfield Winery in 1998. Our mission is to produce vineyard-designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay (along with a touch of Zinfandel and Syrah) from our home in the western Russian River Valley. The wines express the unique qualities of fruit from hand-selected vineyards and the work of an appreciative winemaker.*