

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2017

DUTTON RANCH

PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS

Bush, Campbell, Maurice
Galante, Emerald Ridge, Silva,
Morelli Lane, Freestone Hill,
Hallberg, Goff, Jentoft,
Ruxton, Widdoes

ALCOHOL

13.5%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

5.6 gm/Lit.

PH

3.54

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold
soak, punch down.

BARREL AGING

10 months in French oak
(40% new barrels)

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

THE VINEYARDS

Dutton Ranch farms over eighty unique vineyards located in the coolest areas of the Russian River Valley, primarily in the Green Valley sub-appellation. The Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir blend represents our vision for the character of this special region: juicy berry fruit in both the nose and the mouth, solid structure with fine tannins, and alluring balance. Bush, Campbell, Galante, Emerald Ridge, Silva, Hallberg, Goff, Widdoes, and Jentoft are all in the heart of Green Valley, and each contributes a unique variation of Green Valley fruit to heighten the complexity of the blend. Morelli Lane and Ruxton are high on Stoetz Ridge on the western edge of the Russian River Valley and offer a bit of warmer cherry fruit to the mix. Freestone is in the far southwestern corner of the appellation, and contributes its killer depth and spice to the base notes of the blend. All of these vineyards are Sonoma County Certified Sustainable.

WINEMAKING

The fruit is hand sorted prior to destemming then gravity fed into small open top fermenters where the must is then cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. We punch down up to 3 times daily, depending on the stage of the fermentation and the nature of the vineyard. Each vineyard block is fermented separately in order to maintain typicity, and to provide us with the most flexibility for blending. Our Pinots generally spend 14 to 20 days on the skins, according to the need of each fermentation. After fermentation, the individual lots are pressed and then racked into French oak barrels to age. We carefully blend our favorite lots in early spring. The final blend rests in barrel six months, marrying flavors and gaining complexity, until we bottle in August with minimal processing.

THE WINE

The winter rains and mild summer weather made for beautiful canopies on our pinot vineyards in 2017, helping protect the grapes from the Labor Day weekend heat spike. Two of the core vineyards in the blend were picked in late August, the majority of the remainder came in the following week, with the last few harvested by the end of September. Our 2017 Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir leads with a beautiful combination of sweet berries and woody spice, with black cherry, raspberry, and boysenberry aromas framed with violets, redwood brush, and cinnamon. In the mouth, the wine is both silky and lithe yet firm, with juicy sweet cherry and blackberry flavors edged with cranberry and spice box. This crowd-pleaser of a wine matches with anything from a chunk of Manchego to mushroom pizza, or pasta to roasted guinea fowl or lamb kabobs.

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.