

DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyards: Thomas Road, Manzana, Marty's, Jewell Block

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam,

Clones: 115, 828

Winemaking: destemmed, cold soak, open-top fermentation, punch-down, drain and press, 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 35% new

Bottled: August 2015

Release: May 2017

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.57

TA: 5.9

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$46

Cases: 1026



2014 PINOT NOIR

KARMEN ISABELLA, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

The Wine

Vintage to vintage consistency and representing the Russian River Valley terroir is one of the hallmarks of our *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir. As owners and farmers, we are blessed to have. We are fortunate to own and farm incredible vineyard properties throughout this cool-climate region. Beginning with a red brilliant hue in the glass, one is further enticed by the intense aromas of raspberry, Bing cherry, tart cranberry, and delicate rose petals. The entry is bright and supple with red currant and wild strawberries intermingling with pomegranate, plum, and orange rind. The finish is long with a kiss of French vanilla. Enjoy it now or store for the next four to seven years. *Karmen Isabella*, is a family designation from our *Sisters Selection*, named for Joe and Tracy Dutton's youngest daughter.

The Winemaking

Harvested at night, the *Karmen Isabella* fruit is hand-sorted and gently destemmed. The crushed fruit is then placed into small open-top fermenters. The must is cold-soaked for five days to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while minimizing harsher tannins. We punch-down up to three times daily. After fermentation, the individual vineyard lots are pressed and racked into French oak barrels to age. We select specific vineyard clones and lots for our *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir before blending them into a well-rounded Pinot Noir.

The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. We selected our favorite sites from our family's vineyards to craft wines reflecting our vision of a signature Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Each of these vineyards are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. From the vineyard sites and clonal selection to the mixture of barrels selected, along with our signature winemaking style, *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir has a balance of red fruits with lush texture, as the vines planted in Goldridge soil tend to showcase.

Our family is six generations of forward-thinking Sonoma County farmers. Each bottle of Dutton Estate wine is our way of sharing our love for this revelatory landscape, our commitment to sustainable farming, and our deep familial bonds.