

# DUTTON ESTATE

## W I N E R Y

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Cherry Ridge

Soil: Wilson Grove Formation-Goldridge, Sandy Loam

Clones: 877

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

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 35% new

Bottled: August 2016

Release: November 2017

Alcohol: 13.2%

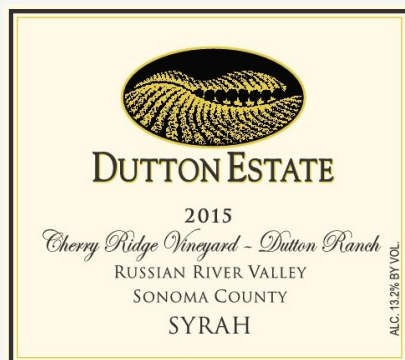
pH: 3.38

TA: 6.7

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$54

Cases: 129



### 2015 SYRAH

#### CHERRY RIDGE, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

#### The Wine

We love a cool-climate Syrah and this one is no exception. It tantalizes, tempts, and delivers on all cylinders. The aromatics include blackberry preserves, wild blueberries, and Chantilly cream. The first sip feels like you're biting into a fresh fruit with the juice coming out in a single burst – mouthwatering and juicy. Prominent flavors that come alive on your taste buds are huckleberry, framboise, more blueberry, and black plum, with a touch of cassis and vanilla bean. This is a full-bodied Syrah that can be enjoyed for the next 3-5 years.

#### The Winemaking

Like all of the fruit we farm, this was harvested by hand at night. At the winery, the fruit was gently hand-sorted, destemmed, and then cold soaked. Primary fermentation takes place in small, open top tanks and manually punched down no more than four times per day. After fermentation, the wine is pressed and racked into French oak barrels to age. Upon completion of secondary fermentation, each barrel is tasted and selected to make the final blend. Those precious five barrels rest for 10 months before bottling.

#### The Vineyard

Cherry Ridge Vineyard, planted in 1991, has a south facing slope at the ridge top and is in one of the coolest sections of the Green Valley appellation, north of the Petaluma Wind Gap. The soil consists of the traditional Goldridge soil that is prominent in this region. The fog influence from the Sonoma Coast funnels through the Green Valley ensuring that the cool-climate terroir is expressed in fruit from this region. The vineyard grapes have spicy flavors intertwined with bold dark fruits with a twinge of sweetness and forest floor. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard as all are of the more than 80 that Dutton Ranch farms.

*Our family is six generations of forward-thinking West 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.*