



DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

2017 PINOT NOIR KARMEN ISABELLA, DUTTON RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley
VINEYARDS: Green Valley, Thomas Road & Manzanita Vineyard
SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam
CLONES: Dijon 115, 828, Pommard
HARVEST: Sept 2-Sept 11
BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.9
FERMENTATION: Open Top / Punch Down,
Oak: 35% New French Oak
AGING: 11 months in French Oak
BOTTLED: July 27, 2018
RELEASE: November 1, 2019
ALCOHOL: 14.2%
pH: 3.68
TA: 6.1
WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell
CASES: 800 Cases

THE VINEYARDS

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Our vineyards are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. They are dry-farmed and historically produce grapes of consistent character. The vineyards that contributed to this vintage each played an important role in developing a distinct part of the 2017 Karmen Isabella. The small Green Valley Road Vineyard provides dark colored and richly flavored fruit. The Thomas Road Vineyard contributes bright red cherry aromas and flavors. Lastly, the Manzanita Vineyard provides secondary and tertiary complexities of earth, forest floor, and tobacco.

THE WINEMAKING

Harvested at night, the fruit is hand-sorted and gently destemmed. The crushed fruit is 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 to coax out a rich color and intense flavors during the early fermentation stages. The individual lots are then pressed and racked into French oak barrels to age. We selected clone 115 for elegance, spice notes, and bright fruit flavors and clone 828, which typically has smaller clusters, for structure and darker color. We blended them in early summer to allow the wine to marry and settle before bottling. This wine was filtered.

TASTING NOTES

In the glass the Karmen Isabella attracts the eye with reflective garnet and brilliant purple hues. The nose is full of fresh crushed red and black berry fruits, light oak with earthy-dusty-clay nuances. On the palate the wine has a juicy, supple, mouth filling texture. Flavors of crisp, ripe black cherry/berry fruit abound with charming rose and persimmon notes. Dark fruits permeate the finish with subtle integrated oak. It is a lovely wine that evolves for several days revealing a range of aromatic complexities of rose, black tea leaf and citrus peel.



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.



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