



# DUTTON ESTATE

## WINERY

### 2017 PINOT NOIR JEWELL BLOCK, DUTTON RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

#### TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley  
VINEYARD: Jewell Block  
SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam  
CLONE: 115 Dijon  
HARVEST: September 4th  
BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.3  
FERMENTATION: Night picked by hand, hand sorted, gently de-stemmed, 5 day cold soak in small open top tanks, punch-down by hand once a day, drained and gently press to barrel  
YEAST: Pinotype  
AGING: 2/3 new French oak; Mercury and Rousseau Medium Plus Toast Barrels  
BOTTLED: July 31, 2018  
RELEASE: Jan 2019  
ALCOHOL: 13.9%  
PH: 3.85  
TA: 5.9  
WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell  
CASES: 76 Cases



#### THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1995, our Jewell Block Vineyard is elevated and has a slightly western aspect. This site consistently has bright aromatics and earthy complexities. We source the fruit for this wine from a few selected rows that utilize a quadrilateral cordon trellis system. Dutton Ranch Vineyards are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly for future generations.

#### THE WINE

Experience the elegant side of Pinot Noir with fruit from our Jewell Vineyard, a true gem. This limited production wine is made in the old world style with more earthiness apparent from start to finish. The nose is a consistently bright bouquet of Bing cherry, lavender, and plum blossoms. Aromatically complex and simultaneously delicate, the flavors that exude are Portobello mushroom, damp forest floor, orange coated with Baker's dark chocolate, and hints of clove and allspice.

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

From start to finish the efforts, time and energy put into these THREE barrels of wine is off the charts. The problem child of the 1st of the 2017 vintage. Like every problem child, they are the ones you remember the most. You hope and pray along the way that everything will turn out just right. And when it all falls into place and the time and energy pays off, its just that much sweeter. Jewell is that wine. From slow to ripen fruit on the vine, daily checking every row, to fermentation, the ups and down we had with Jewell challenged us every step of the way. In the end, these grapes spent 23 days fermenting on the skins. When the end finally came and this wine was pressed, I can say, these are three of my favorite barrels we have in the cellar. Our Cellar Master reckons that this is a wine that you fall so deeply in love with that you will be speechless. Not to worry though, you'll have the fortitude to ask for a second glass. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for the next five to eight years.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Jewel Block Pinot is a clear, saturated red hued wine. Ripe red fruits fill the nose of this wine; cherry, red currant, spiced strawberry, light tobacco against a background of caramel nuanced French Oak. This youthful and intensely fruity Pinot Noir has rounded flavors of Rainier Cherry, raspberry, red currant fruits that are layered across the palate with oak spice, hints of licorice, and an edge of minerality. This richly textured wine glows on the finish with earthy spice, rhubarb, black cherry, and a touch aromatic blueberry. It is a delicious mouthful that lives up to the name of this small gem and block of fruit, Jewell Block Pinot Noir!

*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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