

2021 LA FAMILIA PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



DUTTON ESTATE
WINERY



COMPOSITION

Pinot Noir 100% | Pommard Clone

VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch tends to over 80 distinct vineyards nestled in the Russian River Valley. Amongst them is the Kozlowski Family Vineyards, situated in the very heart of Green Valley. It holds a special place in Tracy Dutton's family, who have cultivated Sonoma County's land for five generations. Remarkably, before its transformation into a vineyard, the Kozlowski property reigned as Northern California's largest raspberry patch. In 1998, the vineyard was adorned with Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115 clones, yet solely the Pommard variation is harnessed to craft our exquisite Pinot Noir, the epitome of timeless perfection.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was carefully transported to the winery, where it underwent a gentle destemming process before being placed in an open top stainless steel fermenter. To extract early color and tannins, the fruit underwent a cold soak for a duration of 3 days. Twice daily, skilled hands performed gentle punch downs. The wine underwent full malolactic fermentation in a mixture of French oak barrels, with 50% of them being new, infusing the wine with a delightful array of spice flavors. The utilization of the Pommard clone yielded a Pinot with a mesmerizingly deep color and a medium-bodied profile brimming with luscious dark red fruit.

TASTING NOTES

The wine exudes captivating aromas of raspberry, rhubarb, and cherries, which continue to tantalize the palate with delicate hints of allspice and leather. The fruit notes gracefully give way to a touch of cocoa, a characteristic reminiscent of our esteemed flagship Pinot Noir from past vintages. Balancing the ensemble, a medium plus acidity and supple tannins harmoniously bring forth the pleasure of this exquisite wine.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.5% | Vineyard: Kozlowski Family Vineyard | Cases: 175
pH: 3.6 | TA: 5.8 g/l | Harvest: Sept 8 | Brix: 25.5
Aging: 50% new French oak | Bottled: June 2022

PAIRING

"From a turkey club sandwich to more elegant choices like pistachio crusted lamb chops or duck breast in a rich fruit sauce!"



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Bobby Donnell

Assistant Winemaker: Kylie Dutton

Estate Founded: 1995

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.