

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: Kozlowski Family

SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

CLONE: Pommard

HARVEST: Sept, 11th

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.4

FERMENTATION: Open top

AGING: Barrel, 45% new

BOTTLED: July 2019

RELEASE: January 2021

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.65

TA: 6.7

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

CASES: 223

PRICE: \$72



2018 PINOT NOIR LA FAMILIA, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY. SONOMA COUNTY

THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The Kozlowski Family Vineyards is located in the heart of Green Valley and the home of Tracy Dutton's family, who have five generations of farming history in Sonoma County. Prior to being a vineyard, the Kozlowski land was once the largest raspberry patch in Northern California. The vineyard was planted to Pommard, Swan, and Dijon 115 clones in 1998, but only Pommard is used to make our classic Pinot Noir.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked a bit later as 2018 was a cooler growing year, we were able to leave fruit on the vine a bit longer. After a 5 day cold soak, RC212 yeast was used and daily hand punch downs applied to gently release color. The wine went through full malolactic fermentation in a mixture of French oak barrels, 45% new, were used to impart different flavors of spice to the wine. The Pommard clones results in a deep, beautiful color and a more medium body Pinot full of dark red fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Bold red in the glass, the nose wafts of fragrant red fruit, predominantly cherry and plum, which gives way to essences of tobacco and and leather. This wine fills the palate and follows through on cherry, plum, and a touch of berry on the finish. The finish is plush and silky, inviting another sip of this classic Russian River Pinot Noir. La Familia would be ideal with grilled meaty fish, such as salmon or swordfish.

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 committment to sustainable farming, and our deep familial bonds.



