

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: Dutton Palms

SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

CLONE: Wente

HARVEST: Oct. 1st

BRIX AT HARVEST: 23.2

FERMENTATION: 100% barrel

AGING: 100% barrel, 50% new

BOTTLED: July 2019

RELEASE: January 2021

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

pH: 3.65

TA: 6.0

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

CASES: 129

PRICE: \$49



2019 CHARDONNAY DUTTON PALMS, DUTTON RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY. SONOMA COUNTY

THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1980, the Dutton Palms Vineyard encompasses Joe and Tracy's home vineyard. The Wente clone is trellised to a modified version of Geneva Double Curtain (GDC.) The hills & valley floor of the vineyard consist of the traditional sandy loam Goldridge soil that is most prominent in the Sonoma Valley and Russian River Valley appellations. The vines are planted in sandy loam Goldridge soil allowing for excellent drainage from this hilltop vineyard. The vineyard is certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. It is dry-farmed and historically produces grapes of consistent character.

THE WINEMAKING

Dutton Palms is crafted with 100% barrel fermentation, and 100% malolactic fermentation, just the way Tracy Dutton likes it. This Chardonnay was aged in 50% new French oak, specifically Francois Freres barrels. Although the oak component plays a role in the wine, Green Valley in known for its complexity in Chardonnay, which shines through with Dutton Palms.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of orange blossom flowers and apricot leap from this golden colored wine, with subtle pie crust and vanilla. A true, full and smooth Russian River Chardonnay, the flavor of baked apple is interlaced with caramel and finishes with indulgent butterscotch pudding. A cream based pasta dish or even quiche would be a delightful pairing!

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.

