

2021 CHERRY RIDGE VINEYARD SYRAH

Russian River Valley



DUTTON ESTATE
WINERY



COMPOSITION

Syrah 100% | Clone 877

VINEYARD

Established in 1991, the Cherry Ridge Vineyard thrives in one of the most captivating regions of the Green Valley appellation. Embracing the cooling fog influence from the nearby Sonoma Coast, this vineyard cherishes its south-facing orientation, allowing the true expression of its cool climate terroir in its exquisite fruit. As part of the Dutton Ranch, which oversees over 80 distinct vineyards in the Russian River Valley, the Cherry Ridge Vineyard proudly bears the certification of being Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. Renowned for its dry-farming practices, this vineyard consistently yields grapes of unparalleled character.

WINEMAKING

This fruit, like all others we farm, was meticulously hand-harvested during the night. Upon reaching the winery, it underwent destemming and crushing. Then, it was gently placed into an open top T-bin, where it cold soaked for three days. During this time, the must underwent yeast inoculation for primary fermentation, while being punched down twice daily to extract color and tannins. After the completion of fermentation, our gentle basket press was used to press the wine, which was then transferred into French oak barrels for aging. To achieve the ideal balance of oak influence, the wine was aged for 18 months in 50% new French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Cherry Ridge is a mesmerizing symphony where the bold aromas of deep cherry and currant intertwine with enticing hints of umami and bay leaf. As you savor this delightful masterpiece, the palate unravels a tapestry of luscious cherry flavors accented by herbaceous qualities. With every sip, moderate yet firm tannins dance, revealing the hidden layers of complexity in this harmonious, full-bodied wine.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 13.5% | Vineyard: Cherry Ridge Vineyard | Cases: 150

pH: 3.55 | TA: 6 g/l | Harvest: Oct 19 | Brix: 23.3

Aging: 50% new French oak | Bottled: February 2023

PAIRING

“A full bodied wine, which makes this a favorite pairing to barbecue flavors, especially with cuts like brisket, sausage, and ribs!”



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.