

# DUTTON ESTATE

## WINERY

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Dutton Palms

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

Clones: Wente

Winemaking: Whole cluster pressed, barrel fermentation, 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 10 months in Francois Frères French oak, 85% new

Bottled: August 2017

Release: May 2018

Alcohol: 14.7%

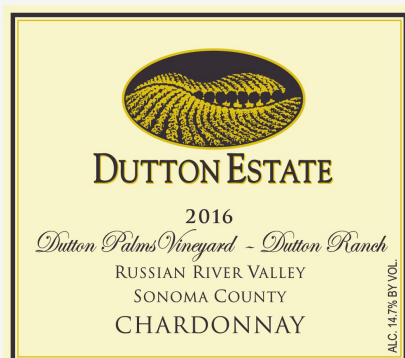
pH: 3.53

TA: 5.58

Cases: 215

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$49



### 2016 CHARDONNAY

#### DUTTON PALMS, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

#### The Wine

With a medium yellow, gold hue, this wine has excellent clarity. It is a full-bodied Chardonnay with delicate floral notes of jasmine and honeysuckle with a touch of petrichor, that amazingly pleasant aroma after fresh rain. Mid-palate there is a creaminess, an oily viscosity, that is dramatically appealing. Layers of complex flavors include toasted cashew, macadamia, cling peach, rosemary, marzipan, and sliced green apples. The oak is seamlessly integrated into the wine's finish. We noted a second level of flavors that appeared at the tip of the wine's end that beckoned us to try it again.

#### The Winemaking

Like all of the fruit we farm, this was harvested by hand at night. At the winery, the fruit was gently hand-sorted and then whole cluster pressed. The juice was racked with solids into oak barrels. Individual lots are barrel fermented using selected yeasts. Undergoing natural malolactic fermentation, the lees are stirred twice monthly until the secondary fermentation is complete. The Chardonnay is aged in a mix of new, 1-year old, and neutral French oak barrels emphasizing the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine. After purposefully selecting each barrel for this vineyard designate, the final blend is given time to marry and settle prior to bottling.

#### The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1991 to the Wente clone, Dutton Palms Vineyard is east facing and lies within the coolest part of the Green Valley. The hills and valley floor of the vineyard consist of the traditional sandy loam Goldridge soil that is most prominent in the Green Valley and Russian River appellations. Joe and Tracy's home vineyard at *Dutton Palms*, highlights orange and citrus flavors and is extremely lush on the palate with a creamy texture. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard.

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