

DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Thomas Road, Manzana, Marty's

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam, Franciscan Overlay

Clones: 115, 828

Winemaking: destemmed, cold soak, open-top fermentation, punch-down, drain and press, 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 34% new

Bottled: August 2016

Release: Feb 2018

Alcohol: 14.1%

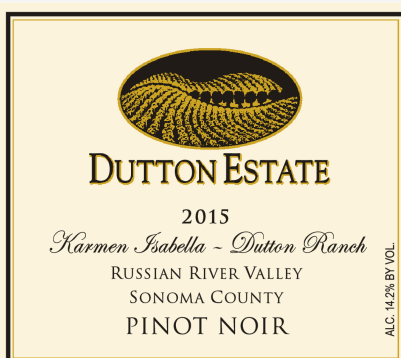
pH: 3.49

TA: 6.1

Cases: 1140

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$46



2015 PINOT NOIR

KARMEN ISABELLA, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

The Wine

One of the hallmarks of our *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir is its consistency vintage to vintage. We are fortunate to own and farm amazing vineyard properties in the picturesque Russian River Valley, especially for this extremely delicate grape. With a rich, bright ruby color, aromas of raspberry, cherry, and jasmine intermingle. The Manzana Vineyard brings in round mouthfeel and fruit character while the Thomas Road Vineyard adds a layer of earthiness. Marty's Vineyard brings in amazing cherry and raspberry. Combining them all leads to a chewy Pinot Noir with notes of Himalayan blackberry, marionberry, red currants, and boysenberry interspersed with sweet tobacco leaves on its earthy foundation. Silky sweetness intertwines with bright acidity to create a charming and delightful mouthfeel. A long, powerful finish lingers with the taste of tart Santa Rosa plum fading into citrusy pomegranate. This is a well-rounded Russian River Valley Pinot Noir that benefits with bottle age. *Karmen Isabella*, is a family designation from our *Sister's Collection*, named for Joe and Tracy Dutton's youngest daughter.

The Winemaking

Harvested at night, the *Karmen Isabella* fruit is hand-sorted and gently destemmed. The crushed fruit is then placed into small open-top fermenters. The must is cold-soaked for five days to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while minimizing harsher tannins. We punch-down up to three times daily. After fermentation, the individual vineyard lots are pressed and raked into French oak barrels to age. We select specific vineyard clones and lots for our *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir and blend them in late spring or early summer to allow the wine to marry and settle before bottling. This wine was filtered.

The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. We selected our favorite sites from our family's vineyards to craft wines reflecting our vision of a signature Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Each of these vineyards are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. From the vineyard sites and clonal selection to the mixture of barrels selected, along with our signature winemaking style, *Karmen Isabella* Pinot Noir shows a balance of red fruits with lush texture, as the vines planted in Goldridge soil tend to exhibit.

Our family is six generations of visionary West County farmers delivering eye-opening experiences through wine, stories, the love of connections between family and friends, and sustainable farming for our future.