2019 MANZANA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley





PAIRING

"A perfect companion for hearty meats like pork or a tantalizing "gamey" fish such as salmon or swordfish!"



COMPOSITION

Pinot Noir 100% | Clones 115 & 828

VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch proudly cultivates over 80 unique vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Among these is the esteemed Manzana Vineyard, primarily home to Dijon and a touch of Pommard clones. For this wine, only the exceptional 115 and 828 clones are used. Spanning about 20 picturesque acres, the Manzana Vineyard graces the landscape with gentle eastern-facing slopes. Interestingly, the land was originally owned by Manzana Products, who subsequently passed the torch to Dutton Ranch. In a nod to the area's apple history, the vineyard aptly carries the name Manzana.

WINEMAKING

Manzana Vineyard Pinot Noir is an exceptional blend of Dijon 115 and 828 clones, capturing the finest qualities of cool-climate Pinot Noir. The remarkable 2021 vintage marked the first year when both clones ripened together. In the early morning, the vineyard was carefully handpicked with each clone separated. Through meticulous processing, fermentation, and aging, each clone's unique character was preserved before blending in the spring. Gentle three-day cold soak during maceration enhanced flavor extraction while daily punch downs added to the complexity. The free-run juice of each clone was aged in new and once-used French oak barrels, undergoing full malolactic fermentation. After 11 months in 50% new French oak barrels, this extraordinary Pinot Noir is complete.

TASTING NOTES

Indulge your senses with this captivating Pinot Noir. Its enticing aroma reveals deep earthy notes, harmoniously intertwined with enchanting spices like clove and cinnamon. On the palate, succulent flavors of ripe cherry and blackberry elegantly dance alongside the warm embrace of baking spices. Delight is further amplified by a tantalizing hint of tartness, beautifully balancing the ensemble.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.4% | Vineyard: Manzana Vineyard | Cases: 233

pH: 3.6 | TA: 5.5 g/l | Harvest: Sept 18 & Sept 24 | Brix: 25.0 (115) 24.5 (828)

Aging: 50% new French oak for 11 months | Bottled: July 2021

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.