2021 WARREN'S COLLECTION CHARDONNAY Russian River Valley





PAIRING

"Indulge in the bliss of seafood pasta or savor the tantalizing flavors of chicken picatta!"



COMPOSITION

Chardonnay 100% | Old Wente Clone

VINEYARD

We pay homage to Joe's father, Warren Dutton, a revered figure in the Chardonnay legacy of the Russian River Valley. Honoring Warren's pioneering spirit, we craft wine from our oldest vines – like those of the renowned Shop Block Chardonnay vineyard planted in 1967. Nestled in the cool Green Valley region, this vineyard truly represents the essence of the land. At Dutton Ranch, we passionately care for over 80 distinct vineyards, extending our commitment to the Russian River Valley. Our vineyard showcases sustainable practices and is Certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. Nurtured through dry-farming, the grapes from this historic land embody our past and shape our future.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine, like all Dutton Estate wines, was carefully handharvested at night to preserve its full flavors. After whole cluster pressing, the grapes cold settled for 48 hours. To enhance and balance flavors and acidity, a combination of concrete egg and barrel fermentation methods were used. The wine underwent 50% malolactic fermentation and aged for 10 months. Throughout aging, a mix of new and neutral French oak barrels added subtle smoothness to this exceptional, old vine Chardonnay.

TASTING NOTES

Experience the vibrant burst of bright lemon and crisp orchard fruits, with a delightful touch of green apple. Rich in character, our old-vine signature adds a nutty allure, beautifully intertwining with the fruity notes. This lively wine boasts a medium to high acidity, destined to gracefully mature over time. On the palate, the enchanting orchard fruit takes center stage, accompanied by tantalizing flavors of tropical delights like pineapple. Prepare for an unforgettable sensory journey!

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.1% | Vineyard: Shop Block | Cases: 190 pH: 3.65 | TA: 5.9 g/l | Harvest: Sept 25 Aging: 50% new French oak, 50% malolactic | Bottled: June 2022

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.