2022 DUTTON PALMS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley





COMPOSITION

Chardonnay 100% | Wente Clone

VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch cultivates 80 vineyards in picturesque Russian River Valley. Dutton Palms Vineyard, surrounding Joe and Tracy's residence, has a trellising system influenced by Geneva Double Curtain. Planted in 1980, this exquisite terrain spans hills and valley floors, enriched with renowned sandy loam Goldridge soil. The choice to plant vines here ensures impeccable drainage, as it proudly graces a hilltop. Certified Sonoma County Sustainably Farmed and Fish-Friendly, the vineyard embraces dry farming, yielding grapes with distinctive character.

WINEMAKING

Dutton Palms is meticulously crafted using 100% barrel fermentation and 100% malolactic fermentation, in perfect alignment with Tracy Dutton's preferences. This exquisite wine pays homage to the quintessential California style chardonnay - opulent and brimming with flavor. Fermented and aged exclusively in new French oak barrels, 50% of which are Francois Freres, Dutton Palms strikes a harmonious balance between oak influence and the inherent complexity of the chardonnay grape. Prepare to be captivated by the intricate nuances that define this remarkable wine.

TASTING NOTES

This classic Russian River Chardonnay engages the senses with delightful notes of apple and tropical fruits like melon and pineapple. The presence of French oak beautifully enhances its body and imbues an intriguing bouquet reminiscent of creme brulee, toast, and caramel. On the palate, it delivers a smooth and full experience, while the crisp acidity provides a perfect balance and lends an elegant touch to every sip.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 14.5% | Vineyard: Dutton Palms | Cases: 231 pH: 3.58 | TA: 5.7 g/l | Harvest: Sept 5 | Brix: 23.7

Aging: 50% new French oak, 100% malolactic | Bottled: August 2023

PAIRING

"A wonderful choice for chicken piccata or a creamy mushroom pasta!"



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.