



DUTTON ESTATE WINERY



JOE DUTTON

Founder, Dutton Estate Winery ◦ Owner, Dutton Ranch

Joe Dutton was born and raised near the town of Sebastopol on his family's ranch in the Green Valley. In 1964, five years before Joe was born, his parents, Warren and Gail purchased a parcel of property near the little town of Graton just outside of Sebastopol. The property was planted to French Colombard wine grapes and apples. Warren and Gail named this land Dutton Ranch. Joe became interested in the family business as a young boy. He grew up picking apples; operating the farm equipment and helping his father oversee the orchards and expanding vineyards every day after school and during summer vacations. Upon graduating from high school, Joe immediately pursued the family farming operation. By staying on the ranch and working beside his father, Joe's intuitive vision to grow the family vineyard holdings was unlimited.

With Joe's tireless dedication, perseverance and hard work, today Dutton Ranch consists of eighty parcels of property, totaling 1400 acres. 1200 acres of grapes consist of chardonnay, pinot noir, syrah, sauvignon blanc, and a few acres of Zinfandel and Pinot Gris. California Certified Organic Apples comprise the remaining acreage farmed, and the majority of the properties are within the Green Valley-Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast wine growing regions. The Dutton Ranch headquarters are located on the original "home ranch", planted to Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc as well as several varieties of organic apples. The "home ranch", which is also referred to as "Shop Block", currently grows the oldest chardonnay vines in west Sonoma County, planted by Joe's father in 1967.

We are the sixth generation of the Duttons to farm in Sonoma County. When we founded Dutton Estate Winery in 1995, we continued a multi-generational family story and commitment to our distinctive corner of the Russian River Valley.

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