



2002 THOMAS ROAD, PINOT NOIR  
Russian River Valley

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THE WINE

This wine is the epitome of a bold, masculine Russian River Pinot Noir. Thomas Road Vineyard Pinot Noir reveals the color of a dazzling crimson and is decadent and sophisticated. Alluring the taste buds, fragrances of dark cherry, red berries, clove and earthy scents of fresh cut flowers persuade you to swirl further. Bold, meaty characteristics burst on the palate displaying the vibrant flavors of blackberry, vanilla and cherry cola. With a smooth and slightly chewy finish, soft tannins coat the palate giving way to a lingering finish.

- 91 points Wine & Spirits Magazine 2/2005, Recommended New Release

TERRIOR

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty unique, separate vineyards located in the coolest areas of the Russian River Valley, primarily in the sub-appellation known as the Green Valley. We have selected our favorite vineyards from our family's Dutton Ranch to craft wine reflecting our vision of a signature Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Thomas Road Vineyard is located at the northeastern part of the Green Valley. Planted to clone Dijon 115 in 1997, this vineyard produces wine of dark berries with a bold firm mouth-feel. The vines planted on the rockier Sebastopol type soil historically produce wines of this consistent character. This fearless wine is defined as the "Big Brother" of our pinot noirs.

IN THE CELLAR

After de-stemming into small open top fermenters, the must is cold-soaked for 5 days to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while extenuating harsher tannins. We punch down by hand up to four times daily, according to the stage of the fermentation. After fermentation, the individual lots are racked into French oak to age. Our winemaker Mat Gustafson selects our barrels to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine, while accenting the flavors of the barrels to avoid showcasing the oak itself. Each barrel and cooperage is carefully handpicked to blend this vineyard-designate wine in late spring. The individual lots are then united and allowed to marry and settle in barrels for unfiltered bottling until early winter when we bottle with minimal processing.

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**THE WINERY**

Dutton Estate

**CLONE**

Dijon 115

**BARREL AGING**

Aged In French oak barrels

**pH**

3.69

**APPELLATION**

Russian River Valley  
Green Valley

**WINEMAKING**

De-stemmed,  
Cold soaked,  
Manual punch down

**ALCOHOL**

60% new oak  
14.2%

**WINEMAKER**

Mat Gustafson

**VINEYARD**

Thomas Road

**TITRATABLE**

**ACIDITY**

.576g/100ml.

**CASES**

**PRODUCED**

230 cases

*Our passion at Dutton Estate Winery is to produce unparalleled vineyard designated pinot noir, chardonnay and syrah. Methodically working together, Tracy and Joe Dutton along with winemaker Mat Gustafson are committed to expressing the terrior from our selected estate family vineyards at Dutton Ranch. With a devoted grape grower and winemaker, our results are unsurpassed and individually spoken in our wines.*