



2003 THOMAS ROAD PINOT NOIR
Russian River Valley

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.

TERRIOR

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty-five 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 favorite vineyards from our family's Dutton Ranch to craft a wine reflecting our vision of a signature and vibrant Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Thomas Road Vineyard is located at the northeastern part of the Green Valley. Planted to Dijon 115 Clone 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.

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 harsh tannins. We punch down by hand up to four times daily, according to the process of the fermentation. After fermentation, the individual lots are racked into French oak to age. Our winemaker Mat Gustafson selects barrels to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine, while accenting the flavors of the barrels to elude showcasing the oak itself. Each barrel is carefully handpicked to blend for this vineyard-designate wine in late spring. The individual lots are then integrated together and allowed to marry and settle in barrels for unfiltered bottling in early winter when we bottle with nominal processing.

THE WINERY Dutton Estate	CLONE Dijon 115	BARREL AGEING Aged In French oak barrels	pH 3.69
APPELLATION Russian River Valley Green Valley	WINEMAKING De-stemmed, Cold soaked, Manual punch down	60% new oak	WINEMAKER Mat Gustafson
VINEYARD Thomas Road	TITRATABLE ACIDITY .576g/100ml.	ALCOHOL 14.2%	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.

