

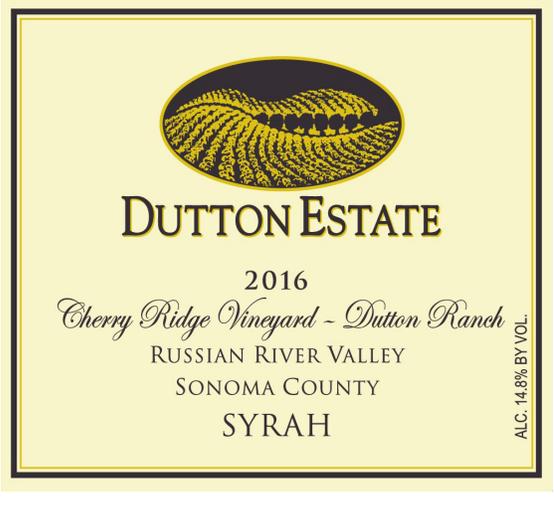


DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley
VINEYARDS: Cherry Ridge, Dutton Ranch
SOIL: Wilson Grove Formation-Goldridge,
Sandy Loam
CLONE: 877
HARVEST: Oct 14th
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.8
FERMENTATION: Open top / T-Bin
YEAST: Syrah
AGING: 11 months
BOTTLED: July 2017
RELEASE: June 2019
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
pH: 3.55
TA: 6.1g/l
WINEMAKER: Terry Adams
RETAIL PRICE: \$55
CASES: 225



2016 SYRAH

CHERRY RIDGE, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

THE WINE

We love cool-climate Syrahs and this 2016 is no exception. It beguiles, tempts, and delivers! Deep rich violet color with bright brilliant purple edges that is reminiscent of black berry juice. Aromas of ripe plum, black cherry, and a dusting of coco powder, clove and cinnamon with ethereal vanilla notes fill the nose. This is a fleshy, juicy and fruit forward wine. The aromas follow to the pallet with additions of black cherry, blueberry and white pepper. Lush black cherry and pepper persist in the long finish. This approachable wine is a hedonistic mouthful! Rich, velvety tannins make this a full-bodied Syrah that can be enjoyed for the next 3-5 years, or it can be enjoyed now with a plate of barbecued ribs or smoked pork with all of the summer side dishes.

THE WINEMAKING

Like all of the fruit we farm, this was harvested by hand at night. At the winery, the fruit was gently hand-sorted, destemmed, and then cold soaked. Primary fermentation takes place in small, open top tanks and manually punched down no more than four times per day. After fermentation, the wine is pressed and racked into French oak barrels to age. Upon completion of secondary fermentation, each barrel is tasted and selected to make the final blend. Those final nine barrels rested 10 months before bottling.

THE VINEYARD

Cherry Ridge Vineyard, planted in 1991 with French clone 877, has a south facing slope at the ridge top and is in one of the coolest sections of the Green Valley appellation, north of the Petaluma Wind Gap. The soil consists of the traditional Goldridge soil that is prominent in this region. The fog influence from the Sonoma Coast funnels through the Green Valley ensuring that the cool-climate terroir is expressed in fruit from this region. The vineyard grapes have spicy flavors intertwined with bold dark fruits with a twinge of sweetness and forest floor. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard as all are of the more than 80 that Dutton Ranch farms.

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.



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