

# DUTTON ESTATE

## W I N E R Y

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Kozlowski Family

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

Clone: Pommard

Winemaking: destemmed, cold soak, open-top fermentation, punch-down, drain and press, 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 45% new

Bottled: August 2017

Release: May 2018

Alcohol: 14.0%

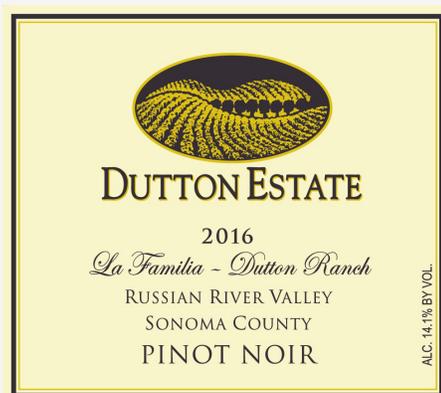
pH: 3.90

TA: 5.4

Cases: 266

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$70



### 2016 PINOT NOIR

#### LA FAMILIA, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

#### The Wine

Lucky for us, behind every amazing vineyard that we farm comes an equally deep story from our multi-generational family history. The *La Familia* Pinot Noir is no exception. It is about neighbors and friends. Families and farming. Treating people with respect and tending to Mother Nature.

This commitment over time has rewarded us with a wine that is focused and pristine. The Pommard clone lends many dark fruit qualities to the wine. Deep garnet in color, one can almost taste the tiny stems that sneak their way into the crusher as they refuse to separate from their tight clusters of small fruit. The nose has a slight mineral essence and freshly plucked garden herbs. Medium-bodied, notes of golden raspberry, baked cherries, Pink Lady, and Gravenstein apple unfold along with other sweet, dark fruit and a touch of black licorice and gamey flavors. Velvety texture with a slight dustiness from French oak barrel aging. A delightful representation of a big and bold wine, it can be savored now or stored for five to eight years.

#### The Winemaking

Grapes are 100% picked and sorted by hand, then gently destemmed. After destemming, the crushed fruit is placed into small open-top fermenters. For this wine, we do a slightly longer cold-soak period than our other Pinot Noirs. The must is cold-soaked for six days to emphasize the spice and fruit elements bringing out a bit of sweetness while softening any harsh tannins. We punch-down up to three times daily as fermentation progresses. The juice is drained and pressed then racked into barrels that are a mix of age so the oak notes are undertones, letting the vineyard's voice speak clearly.

#### The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Kozlowski Family Vineyard is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard located in the heart of the Green Valley, one of the coolest regions. It is also the vineyard home of Tracy Dutton's family who have a rich history as farmers and growers in Sonoma County for six generations. Planted to the Pommard clone in 1998, this vineyard produces wine of dark red fruits with meaty, Syrah-like qualities. These vines are planted in the Goldridge soil that historically produce wines of consistent character. We hope you enjoy this vineyard's fruit as much as we love transforming it into wine.

*Our family is six generations of visionary West County farmers delivering eye-opening experiences through wine, stories, the love of connections between family and friends, and sustainable farming for our future.*