

DUTTON ESTATE

W I N E R Y

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Manzana

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

Clone: 828, 115

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: November 2018

Alcohol: 14.4%

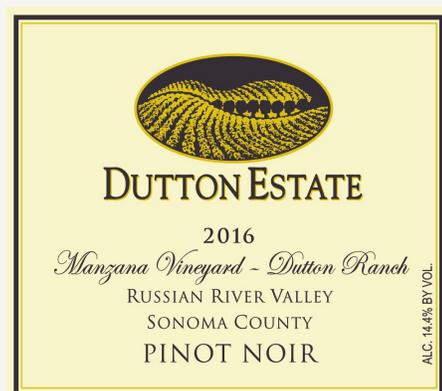
pH: 3.66

TA: 5.7

Cases: 235

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$64



2016 PINOT NOIR

MANZANA, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

The Wine

The Manzana Vineyard always brings us expressive fruit that tantalizes our taste buds. The deep crimson color provides the prelude to the bright fruit aromas and tastes that unfold in this wine. A bright bouquet of cranberry marmalade with orange zest, candied red hots, wild raspberry, and cherry cola expand to more complex layers mid-palate of forest floor, pine needles, and subtle tannins. There's a sweet, light tobacco essence along with French vanilla from the varying degrees of toastiness in the oak barrels that harmonize into a well-structured, almost chewy, body. A solid representation of a cool climate wine, this Pinot Noir can be served now or cellared for five to eight years.

The Winemaking

Grapes are 100% hand-picked, then sorted by hand the moment they arrive at the winery after night-picking before being gently destemmed. After destemming, the crushed fruit is then placed into small open-top fermenters. The must is cold-soaked for five days to focus the natural spice and fruit elements while minimizing any harsh tannins. We punch-down no more than three times daily as fermentation progresses. The juice is then pressed and raked into French oak barrels that are mix of new and 1-year old so that the oak notes are present. Our winemaker then hand selects the few barrels to blend together to make this Vineyard Designated wine.

The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The Manzana Vineyard is located in the heart of the Green Valley, one of the coolest areas in the region. Manzana's hillside vineyard is east facing, the optimal location for growing Pinot Noir. Goldridge soil on the slope allows for excellent drainage. Planted to clone Dijon 828 and Dijon 115 in 2001, this vineyard produces wine with red fruit characteristics and a bold, luscious mouthfeel. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard.

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.