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100 BEST SONOMA WINES 2018

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SONOMA MAGAZINE'S ANNUAL SELECTION OF THE "TOP 100 WINES OF SONOMA" HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

A year ago, wildfires ripped through Sonoma County, destroying lives, homes, and businesses. Wine Country became Fire Country in the eyes of the world, yet paradoxically, flames did relatively little damage to local wineries and vineyards.

...A few suffered structural damage, which they've since repaired....Backfires were intentionally set protected many wineries,....from the conflagration.

But the major savers of Sonoma wines are the grapevines themselves, living plants with moisture in their veins. They served as natural firebreaks, with flames moving on to easier targets such as trees, brush, and structures.

We celebrate all recovery efforts, with this Top 100 Wines list.

Dutton Family Estate 2017 Kylie's Cuvée Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc \$27

Owners Joe and Tracy Dutton have put their recent college graduate daughter Kylie Dutton to work as brand ambassador (that means sales and marketing). This Sauvignon Blanc bearing her name is a tropical extravaganza, loaded with pineapple, papaya, kiwi, honeydew melon, and lemon-lime fruitiness. It's also clean and refreshing.

Kylie Dutton worked the 2018 crush with winemaker Bobby Donnel and continues to assist daily in the cellar. She is engaged in all aspects of the winemaking with Bobby. We may lose her to UC Davis before she works the market!

THE VINEYARD

The two-acre lot of Shop Block Vineyard is in the heart of the Green Valley and was planted to the Musqué clone in the late 1990's. Mrs. George Vineyard, a stone's throw away from the Home Ranch, brings out unique floral notes in its fruit. We selected these vineyards from the more than 80 that Dutton Ranch farms for their fabulous Musqué fruit; both are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly.

ABOUT THE WINE

The 2017 vintage is the first with the Sonoma County Sustainably Farmed Grapes label identifier. This reflects our family's and our community's commitment to growing grapes that benefit farmers and wine lovers today as well as ensure viable businesses for the future. At Dutton Estate, we have felt connected to the land through six generations and are proud to lead this initiative with other grape growers.

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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