

DUTTON ESTATE

W I N E R Y

Established 1995

SUSTAINABILITY IS IN OUR DNA

As a family-owned multi-generational business, sustainability has many levels of importance to us.

- Our Dutton Ranch vineyards are certified **Sonoma County Sustainable**.
- Beginning with the 2017 vintage, Dutton Estate wines feature the **Sonoma County Sustainably Farmed Grapes logo** on our wine bottles. We are also pleased to help lead this effort in our region and show wine lovers our commitment.
- Our winery is an active participant in the **California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA)** and has been certified since 2016.
- All of our Dutton Ranch vineyards are **100% Fish-Friendly Farming** certified since 2014 to protect endangered coho salmon and steelhead trout.

Third-party certification for these programs increase the wine industry's long-term sustainability by following identified best practices, ensuring continual improvement, and keeping everyone honest and transparent.



EXAMPLES OF OUR COMMITMENT

- We built and posted more than 100 **owl boxes** suited to specific owl species, particularly the Barn Owl which is native to west Sonoma County, to help with natural pest management (plus it is fun to watch their families grow)!
- As part of our **Fish Friendly Farming practices**, we reduced erosion and soil loss with dense cover crops on the vineyard floor, vineyard roads are maintained, and proper water diversion with drainage systems, road culverts, and drainage ditches are built. Restoration and management programs are implemented to restore native plants along natural waterways while farming to improve water quality and support the biodiversity of the ecosystem in addition to coho salmon and steelhead trout.
- A member since its early inception days beginning with Joe's father, Joe Dutton has been a director since 2001 and is now president of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, a group dedicated **to promoting healthy farming** through a variety of projects including range management, conservation education, and watershed enhancement.
- **Insulating winery tanks** to improve energy efficiencies. While our tanks are temperature controlled, the larger tanks are also insulated over the jackets to improve energy efficiencies.
- Our **Winery Sustainability Project Manager** is certified by the Wine Institute as an Ambassador in California Sustainable Winegrowing providing insight into the dynamic sustainability movement.
- Expanding job opportunities and **housing for the vineyard crew**. We offer three dormitory style, single bed housing, as well as more than two dozen single family homes for our full-time vineyard workers.
- **Recycle** all glass and corks plus **repurpose used barrels** for up-cycling opportunity.
- Collaborated with service providers so winery customers can easily return packaging for reuse.

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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