

# TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: Thomas Road

SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

CLONE: 115

HARVEST: September 19th

BRIX AT HARVEST: 24.4

FERMENTATION: Open top

AGING: Barrel, 50% new

BOTTLED: July 2021

RELEASE: June 2022

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

pH: 3.7

TA: 5.5

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

CASES: 233

PRICE: \$70



# 2019 PINOT NOIR THOMAS ROAD, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

## THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The Thomas Road vineyard is located in the Northeast of the Green Valley sub-AVA and represents a true "wine of place". This is a single clone vineyard with two trellising systems, which results in different fruit set and yields. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish Friendly vineyard.

### THE WINEMAKING

The Thomas Road fruit was hand-harvested and cold-soaked for 3 days in stainless steel open top fermenters. The fruit was punched down once daily during the cold soak period and up to three times daily during primary fermentation. After undergoing full malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked to barrel to age in 50% new French oak for 11 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

The deep ruby color of the Thomas Road is consistent with previous vintages, which speaks to the both the winemaker style and the vineyard properties. This opens with a whiff of currants that drift into forest floor aromas of mushroom, moss, and cedar; reminiscent of the nearby Armstrong woods on a cool morning. The truffle flavors on the palate are accentuated by plush tannins that make this a Cabernet lovers Pinot Noir. Food pairing opportunities are endless: venison, truffle pasta, and duck risotto would be excellent choices.

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 committment to sustainable farming, and our deep familial bonds.