

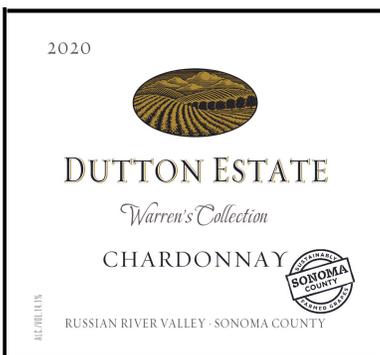


# DUTTON ESTATE

## WINERY

### TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley  
VINEYARD: Dutton Ranch Shop Block  
SOIL: Butcher Clay Loam  
CLONE: Old Wente  
HARVEST: September 8th  
FERMENTATION: Mix of concrete egg and barrel  
AGING: 40% new French oak, 50% malolactic  
BOTTLED: July 2021  
RELEASE: October 2021  
ALCOHOL: 14.1%  
pH: 3.6  
TA: 6.0  
WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell  
CASES: 137  
PRICE: \$56



### 2020 CHARDONNAY

#### WARREN'S COLLECTION, DUTTON RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

#### THE VINEYARD

Our past is our future with this wine named for Joe's father, Warren Dutton. Warren was a pioneer of Chardonnay in the Russian River Valley and so we honor his commitment to the land with this wine from our oldest vines. The fruit for this wine is harvested from our original Shop Block Chardonnay vineyard, which was planted in 1967-truly history in a bottle! The vineyard is located on the valley floor of the cool Green Valley region. Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. This vineyard is certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. It is dry-farmed and historically produces grapes of consistent character.

#### THE WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine, like all Dutton Estate wines, was harvested by hand at night to preserve the range of flavors. The fruit then went directly to press. Both concrete egg fermentation and barrel fermentation were used to highlight and balance the flavors and acidity. The wine experienced 50% malolactic fermentation before aging for 11 months. A combination of new and neutral French oak barrels were used for the aging process in order to slightly soften this old vine Chardonnay.

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with bountiful aromas of tangerine and lemon. Upon further opening, gentle notes of sea salt caramel blend with the citrus aromas. The mixed use of concrete and oak barrels both preserves and softens acid, which creates a delicate, medium-bodied Chardonnay. The caramel and citrus aromas follow to the palate and are met with a nuanced nuttiness; a signature old vine flavor.

*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.*