

DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

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: September 2018

Alcohol: 14.4%

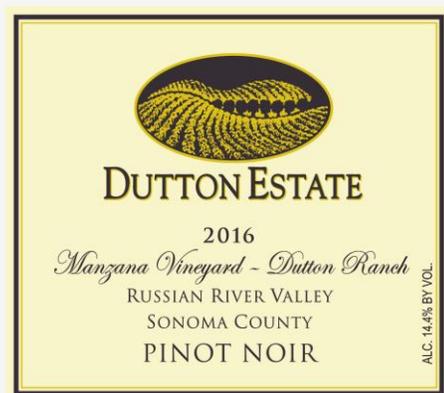
pH: 3.66

TA: 5.7

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$64

Cases: 235



2016 Pinot Noir

Manzana vineyard, Dutton Ranch

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

The Wine

The Manzana Vineyard always brings us expressive red 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 racked into French oak barrels that are mix of new and 1-year old so that the oak notes are present but not overwhelming. Our winemaker then hand selects the few barrels to blend together to make this Vineyard Designated wine.

The Vineyard

We named this vineyard Manzana meaning "apple" in Spanish because of the extraordinary rolling hillside that gave the impression of a wave of apple trees that went on forever. With our family roots of growing apples in this region, we were especially taken by its beauty. The Manzana Vineyard is located in the heart of the Green Valley, one of the coolest areas in the region. Its hillside vineyard is east facing, the optimal orientation in this area for Pinot Noir to preserve the red fruit perfume. 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 and is one of the more than 80 that Dutton Ranch farms in the Russian River Valley.

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.

