

# DUTTON ESTATE

## W I N E R Y

### TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyards: Thomas Road, Marty's, Manzana, Kozlowski Family

Soil: Sebastopol, Goldridge, Sandy Loam, Franciscan Overlay

Clones: Dijon 115, 828, Pommard

Winemaking: Saignée method, barrel fermentation in neutral French oak

Aging: four months in neutral French oak

Bottled: March 2018

Release: April 2018

Alcohol: 14.2%

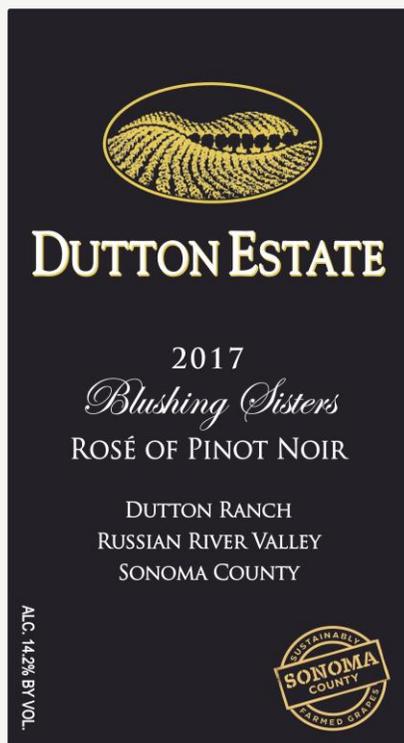
pH: 3.42

TA: 6.6

Winemaker: Bobby Donnell

Retail Price: \$25

Cases: 97



### 2017 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR

#### BLUSHING SISTERS, Dutton Ranch

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

#### The Wine

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

Our Rosé of Pinot Noir is affectionately called *Blushing Sisters* after Tracy and Joe's three offspring – Kyndall, Kylie, and Karmen Isabella. This wine has a light salmon color with a tantalizing fragrance of wild strawberry, ripe raspberry, pomegranate, apricot, and mixed berry jelly. The wine has a surprising richness to it from the neutral French oak that adds another layer of depth and highlights more stone fruit characteristics. A dry Rosé with flavors of blood orange, Starkrimson pear, Royal Ann cherry, strawberry, and a hint of French vanilla. The acidity does not pucker the mouth but offers wonderful freshness and highlights the minerality inherent in the varying soil.

#### The Winemaking

For the 2017 vintage, our winemaker took our *Blushing Sisters* Rosé in an exciting new direction. Pulling from several Pinot Noir vineyards that were night harvested, the fruit was field sorted by hand and brought to the winery. Winemaking used the saignée method, "bleeding off" about 8%-10% of the Pinot Noir juice to create a dry and very bright Rosé. After a brief time in stainless steel, the juice was placed into neutral French oak barrels to give a nice round feel mid-palate, a light kiss of oak, and a richness. The wine was racked from the lees and transferred into stainless steel prior to bottling.

#### The Vineyards

Thomas Road Vineyard was planted to the Dijon 115 clone in 1997. The soil there is diverse with rocky, red clay, and sandy loam. Marty's Vineyard overlooks the Russian River Valley from its high perch in Green Valley, one of the region's coolest areas. The rolling hillside of Manzana Vineyard is east facing. Kozlowski Family vineyard, also in Green Valley, brings the Pommard clone to the mix. We selected these vineyards from the more than 80 that Dutton Ranch farms for our 2017 vintage. Both are certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyards.

*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.*

