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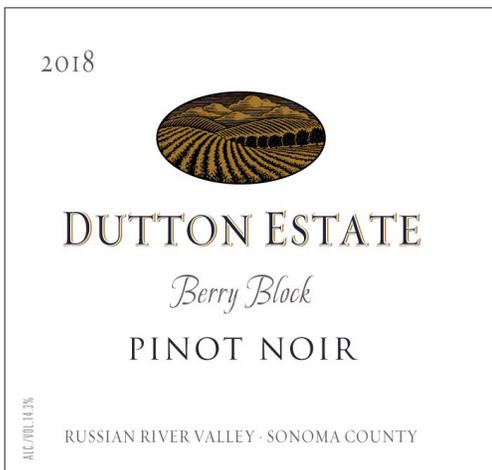
WINERY

2018 BERRY BLOCK

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River
VINEYARD: Kozlowski
SOIL: Goldridge, Sandy Loam
CLONE: Pommard for our “La Familia” wine and the special selection of Swan Clone
HARVEST: September 11th
BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.5
FERMENTATION: Night picked. Destemmed and hand punched down in TBins
YEAST: RC212
AGING: Neutral French oak, 50% new French oak
BOTTLED: July 2019
RELEASE: April 2020
ALCOHOL: 14.3%
PH: 3.6
TA: 6.2
WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell
CASES: 50 Cases
PRICE: \$80



THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. We selected the Thomas Road Vineyard to represent a true “wine of place” Pinot Noir. The vineyard is located in the northeastern section of the sub-appellation of Green Valley, planted to clone Dijon 115 in 1997 on the rockier Sebastopol soil. Two different trellising systems give a great representation and opportunity to work with different fruit set and fermentations. This site yields dark berries with complex aromatics, focused and firmly structured flavors. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard.

THE WINE

After a few years working with the Duttons I have a deeper sense of place and the family history surrounding Sonoma County. Their story goes beyond grape growing, to community involvement and experimentation with agricultural products from Apples to Hops. I have also learned that if I want a special clone from a special section of a certain vineyard...that I ask Kylie first and then she will ask Joe. This is how we start the story of Berry Block. I wanted to craft a unique Pinot Noir for our wine club members while still holding true to the history of the Dutton Family. Tracy Dutton remembers as a child picking raspberries and blueberries along the section of the vineyard where Swan Clone is planted. Kylie selected the rows closest to where the berry bushes were planted (for this wine).

WINEMAKER NOTES

We fermented the grapes to release as much fruit expression as possible. After fermentation we selected (Low to Medium toast) French Oak barrels to match the fruit forward flavors. Aged in the barrels for 11 months gave the wine just enough oak to lift the fruit and not hide the vineyard. The wine certainly lives up to the Berry Block name. Tons of fruit leap from the glass in the wine. Fresh Cherry, Strawberry, Blueberry and Boysenberry explode and make this wine one of a kind. Undertones of cherry pipe tobacco and soft leather help give the wine the layers of flavors needed in the special clone selection. The flavor on the pallet are rich and vibrant as well. Smooth supple tannins add to and the depth and the long finish of the wine. Berry Block is truly one of a kind and does not disappoint.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant red and transparent in Glass this wine catches the eye. Fragrant red fruits; raspberry, cranberry, rhubarb, light rose, and berry pastry perfume fills the nose. With time subtle notes of cherry cola emerge.... On the pallet the wine starts silky and lithe with red fruits of cherry, pomegranate, red apple spice and mouthwatering cherry fruit acidity. As the wine breathes the wine gains strength and a concentrated core of red cherry fruit emerges. The long focused, aromatic finish lingers with wild berry flavors, high toned spice, and hints of tangy herbs. This Pinot Noir reminds you of the charm and joy of pure, elegant, balanced Pinot Noir.

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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