



DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: My Father's

SOIL: Huichica Loam

CLONE: Syrah Noir

HARVEST: October 7th

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.5

FERMENTATION: Open top

AGING: American Oak, 50% new

BOTTLED: February 2023

RELEASE: April 2023

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

pH: 3.6

TA: 5.7

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

ASSISTANT WINEMAKER: Kylie Dutton

CASES: 175

PRICE: \$58



2021 SYRAH

MY FATHER'S VINEYARD, DUTTON RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Multi-generations and a love of the land are at the center of everything we do at Dutton Estate. This vineyard designated Syrah is a perfect example. The vineyard was originally Tracy Dutton's father's property and is now managed and farmed by Joe Dutton, his son-in-law. The soil there is perfect for Syrah with moderate drainage and an average depth of 25-40 inches plus a base of old valley alluvium from mixed sedimentary, volcanic ash, and rock sources. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish Friendly vineyard.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit from My Father's Vineyard was hand-harvested at dawn in early October. The fruit was brought to the winery where it was destemmed and cold soaked for 3 days for color and tannin extraction. We turned the tank cooling off allowed it to warm up to ideal fermentation temperature, encouraging the native yeast to start the fermentation process. As soon as the tank made a drop in Brix, we inoculated with commercial yeast for a slow and controlled fermentation. The fruit was punched down twice daily during primary fermentation. The wine was put through secondary fermentation and was aged for 18 months in 50% new American oak.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is greeted with rich aromas of sweet tobacco, blackberry, cherry, and traces of violet. A smooth, full-bodied wine, this Syrah has ample flavors of black fruit that linger on the palate through to the finish with its velvety tannic structure. Light touches of cocoa and smoke add nuance and complexity to this bold wine. This would hold up to barbecue meats, braised oxtail, and especially a gourmet fatty burger.

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.