

DUTTON ESTATE WINERY

2015 CHARDONNAY

WARREN'S COLLECTION, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY

Technical Data

Clones: Wente

Alcohol: 15.5%

pH: 3.50

TA: 5.8 g/100ml

Soil: Gold Ridge, Sandy Loam

Vineyards: Mill Station, Top Mountain

Winemaking: Whole cluster pressed, barrel fermentation, 100% Malo-lactic fermentation

Barrel Aging: 9 months French Oak

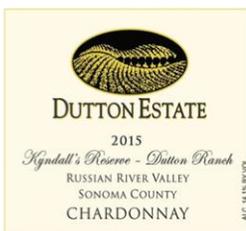
French Oak: 30%

Cases Produced: 120 cases (12/750ml)

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Suggested Retail: \$42



The Wine

The wine shows a vibrant straw color that pops from the bottle. This wine opens up with interesting spicy aromas, orange zest, and lime tree blossom. The mouthfeel starts as a tender gentle wine, then becomes, more intense with endless imaginatively fruits like peach, Bosc pear, hint of cinnamon with roasted hazelnut, pineapple and some sugar cane appears in your taste buds; the finish has some light coconut, not too

The Winemaking

The fruit for this Warren's Collection Chardonnay is gently hand sorted followed by being whole clustered pressed; post pressing the juice was cold settled for 24 hours. Once completed, the juice is raked of sediments and placed in 40% new, 30% neutral and 30% old French oak barrels. Every barrel is then inoculated with cultured yeast. At this time, it is placed inside our cellar at a temperature of 55 F° to achieve 1-2 brix drop/day. At post fermentation the wine is then inoculated with ML bacteria to complete malolactic fermentation. After the ML fermentation processes, the wine is barrel aged for 9 months; during this process the wine is stirred and topped every month. After barrel aging is completed the wine is then raked from lees to be cold stabilized. Finally, the wine was filtered and bottled September 2016.

The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms over eighty unique, separate vineyards located in the coolest area of the Russian River Valley, primarily in the sub-appellation known as the Green Valley. We have selected our favorite vineyards from our family's Dutton Ranch to craft wine reflecting our vision of a signature Russian River Valley Chardonnay. Spring Mountain Vineyard located north of the town of Occidental, planted in 1995 with a Wente clone in Gold ridge fine sandy loam soil. Mill Station, located in the coldest section of Sebastopol, planted, in 1976 with several clones in Sebastopol clay loam soil, in a 92-acre lot. This is of the last vineyard to be picked by Dutton Ranch.

Dutton Estate Winery creates wines of place. Our family delivers six generations of commitment and devotion to the land. Beginning with the roots of the vines to distinguished flavors of sustainable terroir in the glass, our results are unsurpassed and individually spoken in our wines.

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