

DUTTON ESTATE

WINERY

2015 CHARDONNAY

DUTTON PALMS, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

SONOMA COUNTY

Technical Data

Clones: Dutton

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.54

TA: 5.5 g/100ml

Soil: Gold Ridge

Vineyards: Dutton Palms
Vineyard

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

Barrel Aging: 10 months
French Oak

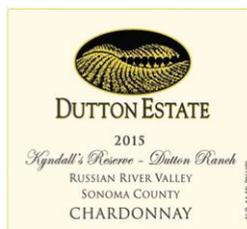
French Oak: 40%

Cases Produced: 142 cases
(12/750ml)

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Appellation: Russian River
Valley

Suggested Retail: \$48



The Wine

With a medium yellow, gold hue, this wine has excellent clarity. Honey, nougat, char and spice hit your nose with hints of eucalyptus and ginger. A seamless entry, this wine evolves in the glass; fresh crème, sliced apple, tangerine and grapefruit rind are very complex. With a smooth silky finish, fine oak integrated with ginger and marzipan explodes on your palate.

The Winemaking

The fruit from the Dutton Palms Vineyard is gently hand sorted and then whole cluster pressed. The juice racked with solids into barrels. Individual lots are barrel fermented using selected yeasts. Undergoing natural malolactic fermentation, the lees are stirred twice monthly until malolactic fermentation is complete. The chardonnay is aged in French oak barrels to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine rather than highlighting the flavors of the barrels. After selecting each barrel for this vineyard-designate wine, the final blend of Dutton Palms Chardonnay is given time to marry and settle for bottling in September of 2016.

The Vineyard

Dutton Palms Vineyard, planted in 1991, is east facing and lies within the coolest part of the Green Valley. The hills and valley floor of Dutton Palms Vineyard consist of the traditional sandy loam Gold Ridge Soil, which is most prominent in the Green Valley and Russian River appellations. Dutton Palms is planted from the Chardonnay clone Warren Dutton used in 1967 to plant the original "Shop Block" Chardonnay vineyard at Dutton Ranch (Dutton Clone). Dutton Palms Vineyard highlights orange and citrus flavors and is extremely lush on the palate with a creamy texture.

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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