

DUTTON ESTATE

W I N E R Y

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Green Valley

Vineyard: Thomas Road

Soil: Sebastopol

Clone: Dijon 115

Winemaking: destemmed, cold soak, open-top fermentation, punch-down, drain and press, 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 45% new

Bottled: August 2017

Release: May 2018

Alcohol: 14.7%

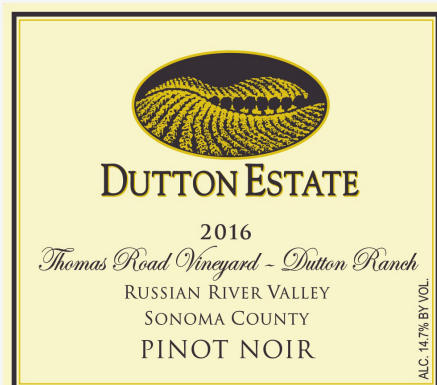
pH: 3.66

TA: 5.7

Cases: 235

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$65



2016 PINOT NOIR

THOMAS ROAD, DUTTON RANCH

GREEN VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

The Wine

This fearless wine is defined as the “Big Brother” of our Pinot Noirs. Coming from a winery with a “*Sisters’ Collection*” of wines that says a lot! It definitely holds its own and lets its distinctive voice be heard...and tasted. Carol Kozlowski Every, Tracy’s mother, noted the particular aromas of the Royal Anne cherries from old-time Sebastopol farming. A definite fruit cornucopia of flavors including those cherries (thanks to the Dijon 115 clone,) blackberry preserves, brambleberry, and black plums. With a round mouthfeel, one detects freshly cut herbs, damp earth, and even smoked Prosciutto. The tannins are present and big, yet seamlessly integrated so that one yearns for more. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for eight to ten years.

The Winemaking

Getting up in the middle of the night to hand-harvest the grapes at our Thomas Road Vineyard is well worth the trouble given the “big” nature of the fruit there. Grapes are sorted by hand as soon as they arrive at the winery and then gently destemmed. After destemming, the crushed fruit is then placed into small open-top fermenters. The must is cold-soaked for five days to gently focus the natural spice and fruit elements while minimizing any harsh tannins. We opt for daily, with no more than three times, punch-downs as fermentation progresses. The juice is then pressed and racked into French oak barrels (45% new) so that delicate oak notes are highlighted. Our winemaker then hand selects the few barrels he deems most provocative to blend together to craft this Vineyard Designated wine.

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, this vineyard produces a wine displaying dark berries with a bold, firm mouthfeel. The vines are planted on the rockier Sebastopol soil. It is a certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly vineyard.

Our family is six generations of visionary West County farmers delivering eye-opening experiences through wine, stories, the love of connections between family and friends, and sustainable farming for our future.