



# DUTTON ESTATE

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### JOE DUTTON FOUNDER DUTTON ESTATE WINERY & OWNER, DUTTON RANCH

Joe Dutton, a fifth-generation Sonoma County farmer, has deep roots in the agricultural heritage of this vibrant region. Born and raised on his family's ranch near Sebastopol, Joe's early years were spent amidst the picturesque orchards and vineyards of the Green Valley.

In 1964, five years before Joe was born, his parents, Warren and Gail, purchased a parcel of land near the quaint town of Graton, just outside Sebastopol. This land, originally planted with French Colombard wine grapes and apples, and became the family's new home for Dutton Ranch. From a young age, Joe immersed himself in the family business, picking apples, operating farm equipment, and assisting his father with the orchards and vineyards after school and during summer vacations.

Upon graduating from high school, Joe fully committed himself to the family farming business. Working side by side with his father, Joe's vision for expanding the family vineyard holdings began to take shape. His dedication, perseverance, and tireless work ethic have transformed Dutton Ranch into a sprawling enterprise that now consists of eighty parcels of property, totaling over 1,200 acres of wine grapes and 300 acres of organic apples. Today, Joe Manages Dutton Ranch with his mother, and brother Steve.

The vineyards, which span several variety of Sonoma County Certified Sustainable grapes, including Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, and Pinot Gris. The remaining acreage is dedicated to California Certified Organic Apples. Most of these properties are nestled in the esteemed Green Valley-Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast wine growing regions.

The heart of Dutton Ranch remains at its original "home ranch," planted with Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as several varieties of organic apples. This home ranch, also known as "Shop Block," features the oldest Chardonnay vines in west Sonoma County, planted by Joe's father in 1967.

Joe's commitment to land stewardship and preservation is reflected in his active involvement in various agricultural organizations. He serves as a board member for the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission. Additionally, he is involved with the Sonoma County Winegrowers, and Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Joe Dutton's story is one of deep family ties, a passion for farming, and a commitment to sustainability. His efforts ensure that the legacy of Dutton Ranch will continue to thrive, preserving the rich agricultural heritage of Sonoma County for future generations.



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