

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: Cherry Ridge

SOIL: Wilson Grove Formation-

Goldridge, Sandy Loam

CLONE: 877

HARVEST: October 20th

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.0

FERMENTATION: Open top T-bin

AGING: 50% new French Oak

BOTTLED: February 2020

RELEASE: February 2022

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

pH: 3.4

TA: 6.2

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

CASES: 99

PRICE: \$58



2018 SYRAH CHERRY RIDGE, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY. SONOMA COUNTY

THE VINEYARD

The Cherry Ridge Vineyard was planted in 1991 in one of the coolest locations of the Green Valley appellation. The fog influence from the Sonoma Coast funnels through the Green Valley ensuring that the cool climate terroir is expressed in the fruit from this south facing vineyard. Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. This vineyard is certified Sonoma County Sustainably-Farmed and Fish-Friendly. It is dry-farmed and historically produces grapes of consistent character.

THE WINEMAKING

Like all of our fruit we farm, this fruit was harvested by hand at night. Upon arrival at the winery it was destemmed and crushed. This lot was cold soaked and fermented in T-bins, and punched down twice daily for color and tannin extraction. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked to French oak barrels, 50% new, to strike a proper balance of oak influence. The wine aged for 18 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Cherry Ridge is an example of New World nose meets an Old World palate. The nose immediately presents sweet and savory aromas: bacon with brown sugar, maple syrup and salt. Notes of red fruit like dried strawberry and cherries complement the meatier aromas. On the palate, this is a big wine. Deep red fruits, vanilla, cinnamon, and clove are perceptible throughout the long, elegant finish. The firm, polished tannins enrich the complexity of this balanced, full-bodied wine.

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 committment to sustainable farming, and our deep familial bonds.



