

TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

VINEYARD: Cherry Ridge

SOIL: Wilson Grove Formation-

Goldridge, Sandy Loam

CLONE: 877

HARVEST: October 30th

FERMENTATION: Open top barrels

AGING: Barrel, 50% new

BOTTLED: March 2019

RELEASE: February 2021

ALCOHOL: 15.7%

pH: 3.55

TA: 6.2

WINEMAKER: Bobby Donnell

CASES: 143

PRICE: \$58



2017 SYRAH CHERRY RIDGE, DUTTON RANCH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY. SONOMA COUNTY

THE VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. 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 open top French oak barrels. This was Dutton Estate's first year of doing a barrel fermented Syrah to extract deep color and flavor from the barrel early on. The barrels were a mixture of new and neutral to strike a proper balance of oak influence. The wine was then racked and aged for 18 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Chery Ridge is truly the hidden gem of our portfolio; the aromas of black cherry and ripe plum are New World while a bouquet of baking spices, fresh pepper, and cocoa powder echo characteristics found in Old World Syrah. The fruit and spice follow through to the palate with velvet tannins enrich the complexity of this full-bodied wine. Food pairing opportunities abound ranging from beef stew to a hearty charcuterie board with nutty cheese and bold, smoked meats.

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.

