TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Russian River Valley

Vineyard: Jewell, selected rows

Soil: Goldridge, Sandy Loam

Clone: Dijon 115

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

Aging: 10 months in French oak, 40% new

Bottled: August 2017

Release: February 2018

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.89

TA: 4.3

Cases: 93

Winemaker: Terry Adams

Retail Price: \$64



DUTTON ESTATE WINERY

2016 PINOT NOIR Jewell Block, Dutton Ranch

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

The Wine

Experience the elegant side of Pinot Noir with fruit from our Jewell Vineyard, a true gem. This limited bottling is done in the Burgundian-style with more dirt and earthiness apparent from start to finish. The nose is a bright bouquet of bing cherry, lavender, and plum blossoms. Complex and delicate simultaneously, the flavors that exude are Portobello mushroom, damp forest floor, orange coated with Baker's dark chocolate, and hints of clove and allspice. Our Cellar Master reckons that this is a wine that you fall so deeply in love with that you will be speechless. Not to worry though, you'll have the fortitude to ask for a second glass. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for the next five to eight years.

The Winemaking

Grapes are 100% handpicked at night, sorted by hand in the winery, and 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 heighten natural spice and fruit characteristics. We punch-down up to three times daily. After fermentation, the juice is pressed and racked into French oak barrels to age for 10 months. This wine was filtered.

The Vineyard

Dutton Ranch farms more than 80 separate vineyards in the Russian River Valley. Planted in 1995, our Jewell Block Vineyard has a slightly western aspect. We source the fruit for this wine from a few selected rows that utilize a quadrilateral cordon trellis system. 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.