



2004 Syrah Three Blocks Russian River Valley

The Wine

Deep garnet in color, our Three Blocks Syrah is the epitome of a cool-climate wine with a medium full body exhibiting aromas of red plum and sarsaparilla. The palate has a soft texture with flavors of raspberry, cherry and red plum, with essences of vanilla. The round, smooth mouth-feel with soft tannins and a silky texture leads to a long smooth finish. Serve with meals of game birds, venison, pork, lamb and rich sharp cheeses. This syrah will enhance with bottle age.

The Vineyards

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty-five unique, separate vineyards located in the coolest areas of the Russian River Valley, primarily in the sub-appellation known as the Green Valley. We have selected our favorite vineyards from our family's Dutton Ranch to craft wine reflecting our vision of a signature Russian River Valley Syrah. Cherry Ridge Vineyard is to be found on the east-facing slope that forms the western edge of the Green Valley. Temperatures in this vineyard are clement enough to ripen Syrah in this famous pinot noir and chardonnay-growing region. Gail Ann's Vineyard, named after Joe Dutton's mother, is located in a "warmer spot of a cool region" on the northern part of the Russian River Valley. Carol Ann's Vineyard is owned by Tracy Dutton's parents and is located in the eastern part of the Russian River Valley. The vines grow in Wachika loam soil and show dark fruits with an abundance of chocolate flavors.

The Winemaking

Our Russian River Syrah is fermented in small, open top fermenters and punched down by hand. Prior to fermentation, the de-stemmed fruit is cold-soaked to silken the mouth-feel and brighten the fruit. After fermentation, the juice is pressed off and the wine is racked into French and American oak to age. We carefully choose our barrels for the Dutton Ranch blend in late spring and carefully blend our lot together to allow the wine to marry and settle before we bottle with minimal processing in late summer.

THE WINERY

Sebastopol Vineyards

CLONES

Syrah Noir & 887

APPELLATION

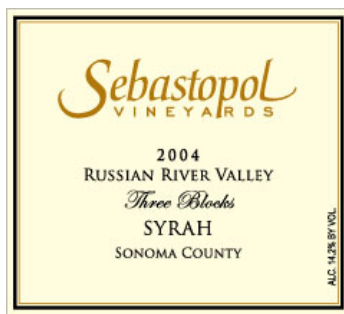
Russian River Valley
Green Valley

WINEMAKING

De-stemmed,
Cold soaked,
Open top
fermentation,
Manual punch
down up to four
times daily, 100%
Malolactic
Fermentation

VINEYARDS

Carol Ann's,
Gail Ann's &
Cherry Ridge Vineyards



BARREL AGING

Aged 10 months
5% new oak

ALCOHOL

14.2%

pH

3.84

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

.621g/100ml.

WINEMAKER

Mat Gustafson

CASES PRODUCED

748 cases

The passion at Dutton Estate Winery is to produce unparalleled vineyard designated pinot noir, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and syrah. Methodically working together, Tracy and Joe Dutton along with winemaker Mat Gustafson are committed to expressing the terrior from the selected estate family vineyards at Dutton Ranch. With a devoted grape grower and winemaker, the results are unsurpassed and individually spoken in the wines.