



2002 CHARDONNAY
Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley

THE WINE

Illuminescent of brilliant straw, this sophisticated wine manages to combine tropical ripe fruits with floral aromas and notes of kiwi, honey and rich papaya. This full-bodied Chardonnay emerges from the palate with time, introducing cashmere like flavors of lemon citrus, ripe pear and minerals that last into an extensive clean finish.

TERRIOR

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty-five unique, separate vineyards located in the coolest area 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 Chardonnay. Rued Vineyard and Dutton Palms Vineyard are planted in the coolest parts of the Green Valley in old clones, which contribute citrus and tropical notes. Morelli Vineyard is located on the high top of Stoetz Ridge on the west side of the Green Valley and is planted to the Hyde Clone which adds notes of pear with mineral overtones, while Vine Hill Ridge Vineyard planted in Old Wente Clone creates floral aromas and provides a crisp, acidic structure.

IN THE CELLAR

The fruit is gently pressed in whole clusters, settled for 24 hours and racked into barrels. Individual lots are barrel fermented using a combination of Indigenous and Inoculated yeasts. Undergoing malolactic fermentation, the lees are stirred twice monthly. The Chardonnay is aged in French oak barrels chosen by our winemaker Mat Gustafson to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics of the wine rather than show-casing the oak itself. We carefully blend our Dutton Ranch lot in late spring to allow the individual vineyard lots to marry and settle before bottling. The wine is bottled unfiltered in late summer after approximately 10 months in barrel.

THE WINERY

Sebastopol Vineyards

CLONES

Dutton, Rued, Hyde,
Wente

BARREL AGEING

Aged "sur lees" in
French oak barrels
(33% new French oak)

**TITRATABLE
ACIDITY**

.545g/100ml.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley
Green Valley

WINEMAKING

Whole cluster pressed
100% barrel fermented
in French Oak Barrels

ALCOHOL

13.9%

WINEMAKER

Mat Gustafson

VINEYARDS

Dutton Palms, Rued,
Morelli Lane, Vine Hill
Ridge

100% Malolactic
conversion

pH
3.54

CASES

PRODUCED
1432 cases

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