



2002 Chardonnay- Reserve
Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley

The Wine

This Reserve Russian River Chardonnay is a delicate, yet multifaceted wine. The bouquet exhibits spectacular and enchanting aromas of mango and banana inter-twined with graceful hints of vanilla and orange blossoms. Delightful flavors of pineapple, pear and a slight zest of lemon guide the way to a long and silky honey coated finish.

The Vineyard

Vine Hill Ridge Vineyard sits on the east boundary crest of the Green Valley sub-appellation. Situated on the tip of the Vine Hill Ridge, sandy loam soil allows these twenty-four year old chardonnay vines excellent drainage and while being subject to it's own micro-climate within the Russian River Valley, early morning coastal fog blesses the vineyard. With the vines trained on a Geneva Double Curtain trellis, also known as "quadrilateral", the trellis system allows the shoots to grow downward while the fruit remains situated high on the vine to allow favorable exposure to the sun. Afternoon sea breezes navigate through to naturally cool the fruit in the afternoons. Planted to Old Wente Clone, Vine Hill Ridge Vineyard creates a graceful wine with floral aromas and stone fruits while providing a crisp, acidic structure.

The Winemaking

The fruit for our Reserve Chardonnay is gently whole cluster pressed. The juice then settles for 24 hours and racked into barrels and 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 to emphasize the fruit and vineyard characteristics rather than showcasing the oak itself. Each barrel for this limited reserve wine is carefully chosen in late spring and blended to allow this individual lot to settle and marry. This final blend rests in barrels before bottling unfiltered in early winter after approximately 14 months in the barrel.

THE WINERY Dutton Estate	CLONES Wente	BARREL AGING "Sur Lees" for 14 months In French oak barrels with weekly stirring	TITRATABLE ACIDITY .557g/100ml.
APPELLATION Russian River Valley Green Valley	WINEMAKING Whole cluster pressed, 100% barrel fermented, (60% new French oak) 100% malolactic conversion.	ALCOHOL 13.9%	WINEMAKER Mat Gustafson
VINEYARDS Vine Hill Ridge		pH 3.57	CASES PRODUCED 65 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.