



2002 GAIL ANN'S VINEYARD SYRAH
Russian River Valley

THE WINE

Deep purple in color, this vintage has layered aromas of intense plum and spice. A chewy generous mouthful of chocolate, plum and blueberry dance across the palate while accenting hints of huckleberry and espresso. A perfect balance of acidity boosts the fruit, persuading yet another sip. The finish is long, opulent and enchanting. Passive but firm tannins have built the structure and will enhance with cellaring.

TERRIOR

Dutton Ranch farms over sixty 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. Gail Ann's Vineyard, named after Joe Dutton's mother is located in a "warm spot of a cool area." With two acres planted to syrah on Wachika loam soil, the climate shows focus to dark fruits of blueberry and black currant with flavors of chocolate and cocoa.

IN THE CELLAR

Our Syrah is fermented in small, open top fermenters and punched down by hand manually up to four times per day to extract optimal flavors of the vineyard. Prior to fermentation, the de-stemmed fruit is cold-soaked to silken the mouth-feel and brighten the fruit. After fermentation, the wine is racked into French and American oak to age. Upon completion of secondary fermentation, each barrel is tasted from this lot and chosen for the final vineyard-designated blend. This wine is blended and allowed to marry and settle unfiltered while resting in barrel until early winter when we bottle with minimal processing.

THE WINERY Dutton Estate	CLONES 887	BARREL AGEING Aged 14 months 60% new oak	pH 3.63
APPELLATION Russian River Valley Green Valley	WINEMAKING De-stemmed, Cold soaked, Open top fermentation, Manual punchdown	ALCOHOL 13.92%	WINEMAKER Mat Gustafson
VINEYARDS Gail Ann's Vineyard		TITRATABLE ACIDITY .599/100ml.	CASES PRODUCED 213 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.