



CHAPPELLET

Grower Collection

2017 Grower Collection Pinot Noir, Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 1 - 16, 2017
24.8° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA – 0.58g/100ml
pH – 3.74
1,288 Cases Produced

Wine Blend

100% Pinot Noir

Clones

115, 667, 777, Pommard

The Wine

In 1967, legendary grower Warren Dutton planted his first vineyard, and helped to establish Russian River Valley as one of the world's great appellations for Pinot Noir. Today, his sons, Steve and Joe, carry on Warren's legacy and have established Dutton Ranch as one of the region's preeminent vineyards. This wine is made using grapes from some of the most prized sections of Pinot Noir at Dutton Ranch. Nestled in the cool, foggy hills above the Russian River Valley, the result is a wine with remarkable depth and concentration.

Growing Season & Harvest

After five years of drought, the 2017 growing season started off with record-setting rainfalls that replenished the vines and pushed the growing season to a later-than-normal start. In the vineyards, we applied thoughtful canopy management techniques to achieve balanced crops with just the right amount of sunlight on the fruit. Moderately warm temperatures in late May led to a perfectly timed bloom and fruit set for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. While rising temperatures in the last week of August resulted in a brisk pace to harvest, the grapes were able to achieve ideal ripeness, resulting in wines with lovely colors and aromatics accompanied by beautifully concentrated flavors.

Tasting Notes

This rich and expressive Pinot Noir begins with aromas of currant, crème de cassis, and dark cherry, followed by subtle notes of anise, clove, mocha and rose petals. On the palate, silky tannins add length and polish to flavors of wild berry and pomegranate, with hints of white pepper and nutmeg providing nuance to the lingering finish.