

SONOMA-LOEB

2014 PINOT NOIR

Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley
Winemaker, Phillip Corallo-Titus



WINE STATISTICS

September 4 - September 14, 2014
25.5° Average Brix at harvest
TA: .61 g/100 ml
pH: 3.8
Alc: 14.5%

THE WINE

Nestled in the cool, foggy hills above the Russian River Valley in Western Sonoma County, Dutton Ranch has earned a reputation as one of the appellation's preeminent Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards. Our Pinot Noir blocks are perfectly located on an east-facing slope with shallow soils and full sun exposure. Planted to the 667, 777 and 115 Pinot Noir clones, this impeccably farmed site is the perfect place for making world-class Pinot Noir. Grapes from the 2014 vintage were fermented using a combination of punch-downs and pump-overs, with wild yeast, as well as select strains from Burgundy. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels.

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

For the third year in a row, Mother Nature provided exceptional growing conditions. In fact, 2012, 2013 and 2014 may be the finest run of growing seasons we have seen in our quarter century of Sonoma County winemaking. 2014 offered lovely temperate, mid-season weather that was ideal for our early ripening varieties. With no threat of rain or significant heat events, our fruit was harvested at an unhurried pace in pristine condition. Overall, our yields were down slightly from 2013, resulting in beautiful overall depth and concentration in both our Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs.

TASTING NOTES

Showcasing what can be achieved from a great vineyard in a near-perfect vintage, this wine offers remarkable depth and concentration, with alluring black cherry and raspberry aromas, as well as layers of chocolate, smoke and spice. On the palate, it is rich and velvety, with lush, mouthfilling berry flavors, silky tannins, complex spice and hints of sweet oak, espresso and vanilla.