

# SONOMA-LOEB



LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS

## 2015 PINOT NOIR DUTTON RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



### 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 2015 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

While cool weather during flowering resulted in light clusters and a smaller crop, the overall quality of the 2015 vintage was exceptional. Knowing that yields would be down, we tailored our farming to ensure that we brought out the very best in the grapes. This included methods designed to create homogenous ripening, as well as techniques that limited canopy growth, while providing ideal dappled sunlight on the fruit. A lovely temperate summer allowed the fruit to ripen slowly, while an unhurried harvest ensured that everything was picked perfectly ripe, with pristine grapes showing beautiful depth and complexity.

### TASTING NOTES

Showcasing what can be achieved from a great vineyard in an exceptional growing season, this wine offers remarkable depth and concentration, with alluring aromas of black cherry, red currant, raspberry compote, anise and sweet baking spices. On the palate, silky tannins and excellent underlying structure support lush, flowing flavors of cherry and pomegranate that glide to a lingering vanilla and wild berry finish.

### WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: August 27 – September 12, 2015  
Brix at harvest: 25.2  
TA: 0.61 g/100 ml  
pH: 3.75  
Alc: 14.2%