

# SONOMA-LOEB



LEGENDARY WINES FROM SONOMA'S LEGACY VINEYARDS

## 2016 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 2016 vintage were fermented using a combination of punch-downs and pump-overs, using yeast strains from Burgundy and Germany. The wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels.

### GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

The 2016 growing season continued a string of phenomenal vintages that goes all the way back to 2012. With no frost issues, and ideally timed March rains, the season got off to an early start. The weather throughout spring and summer was temperate and even, ultimately yielding near-average heat accumulation numbers for the season, and allowing the grapes to ripen at a leisurely pace. Our Pinot Noir harvest began in early September, with the grapes yielding excellent color and concentration.

### TASTING NOTES

Showcasing what can be achieved from a great vineyard in an exceptional growing season, this wine offers gorgeous aromas of ripe black cherry, currant and anise, along with hints of vanilla and toasted oak from aging in French barrels. On the palate, silky tannins and a lush flowing texture add length and richness to flavors of cherry and pomegranate, with notes of espresso and smoke lingering on the finish.

### WINE STATISTICS

Harvested: Sept 2 – Sept 14, 2016  
Brix at harvest: 25.5°  
TA: 0.58 g/100 ml  
pH: 3.70  
Alc: 14.5%