

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2018

DUTTON RANCH—EMERALD RIDGE VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

APPELLATION

Green Valley of
Russian River Valley

VINEYARD

Emerald Ridge Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

September 2 & 5, 2018

ALCOHOL

13.8 %

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.4 gm/Lit.

pH

3.54

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold
soak, punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in
French oak
(50% new barrels)

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED

379

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$68

THE VINEYARD

We love making this wine more and more every year. It exemplifies our favorite Green Valley Pinot Noir characters with its core of berry fruit, solid structure and acidity, silky tannins, and an evolving nature in the glass. The vineyard is situated on an east-facing knoll the middle of Green Valley. In 2001, Steve planted its perfectly drained Goldridge sandy loam soil to several Pinot clonal blocks. Dan has chosen to use three to consider for this special offering: the mixed block of Pommard and 2A, which produces deep, dark and chewy wine (there's always something special about mixed clone fermentations); the 667 block, which adds focus and precise berry fruit; and the 828 block, providing ebullient freshness and solid structure. This year the wine was constructed from equal parts of each of the three lots, providing us a wine with the crystalline fruit focus and luscious pleasure that we adore from this neighborhood.

WINEMAKING

After hand sorting and destemming each block into small open top fermenters, the must is cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract color, spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. Each clone is treated individually: the Pommard/2A block needs the gentlest handling given its highly tannic nature, while the 828 generally likes the longest time in the fermenter to enhance its floral aromatics. The lots are punched down between 1 and 3 times per day depending on the stage of fermentation and character of the lot. The blend was put together in May of 2019, then sent back to barrel until its bottling in March of 2020. Taransaud barrels provide weight and richness, Hermitage barrels bring spice (think blueberry cobbler), while Fouquet chimes in with a little extra sweetness.

THE WINE

You know that blissed out feeling you get when you smell a wine that makes you want to jump into the glass? That's what you'll feel when you put your nose into our 2018 Emerald Ridge Pinot. It hits all the texture-fruit-spice-floral notes, with its juicy, plush blueberry fruit framed by sandalwood and lavender. While it's opulent, it also has a fresh lift and energy to the aromas. The wine follows through in the mouth, with a broad and enveloping wash of rich blueberry, boysenberry, and black cherry. The basket of fruit is carried on round but firm black tea tannins, which, combined with the harmonious balance of the wine, promises a lengthy future. Counterpoint the sweet fruit of the wine with savory dishes like herbed pork or fowl, pasta with mushrooms and prosciutto, and cheese like gruyere and Manchego.

Dutton-Goldfield Winery began in a vineyard in 1998, when longtime colleagues and friends Steve Dutton and Dan Goldfield recognized a shared vision between them—to craft wines that express the personalities of their vineyards, and which they'd enjoy drinking at their own dinner tables. Our mission is to produce world-class wines that display the brightness of fruit, complexity, structure and balance that are reflective of our cool coastal home.