



Ronn Wiegand generously awarded 4+ Stars to an array of our wines in this issue. Starting with our 2015 Chardonnays which he deemed full of 'character and grace', followed by our 2015 Pinot Noirs which he 'loved at first sip', and concluded with a nod to our cool-climate 'works of art': Syrah and Zinfandel. Please see below for his ratings and tasting notes.

PINOT NOIR, SYRAH, & ZINFANDEL

2015 Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir ★★★★★

"... quite rich, finely flavored, beautifully balanced, and both savory and vibrant on the finish, tasting of black cherry, rosehips, plum, strawberry, nutmeg, vanilla, toast, and oak. Perhaps the best ever version of this wine."

2015 Emerald Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir ★★★★★

"...intensely flavored, young, well balanced wine that is complex in character (raspberry, cherry, kola nut, rosehips, black tea), lightly oaked, mildly tannic, and very long and persistent on the finish. First rate."

2015 Fox Den Vineyard Pinot Noir ★★★★★

"...a stunner: a luscious, full bodied, intensely flavored Pinot Noir with excellent balance, firm acidity, and a very long and persistent finish. In aroma/flavor, it tastes of plum, rosehips, blueberry, red licorice, toast, clove, and spicy oak."

2015 Freestone Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir ★★★★★

"...a refined Pinot Noir that is supple in texture, crisp and well balanced on the palate, and intensely floral and fruity in character (rosehips, plum, cherry, black licorice, peach), with overtones of white pepper, black tea, and oak. Very long and harmonious on the finish."

2014 Redwood Ridge Pinot Noir ★★★★★+

"...supple, elegant Pinot Noir that is finely flavored (cherry, nutmeg, toast, sage, rosehips, clove, spicy oak), beautifully balanced, and very long on the finish."

2014 Cherry Ridge Vineyard Syrah ★★★★★

Perhaps this winery's best ever Syrah! It has purple black color, very fine character (blackberry, black cherry, rosehips, red licorice, blueberry jam, white pepper), evident oakiness (vanilla, spicy oak, tobacco), excellent balance, and a very long and persistent finish. First rate"

2014 Morelli Lane Vineyard Zinfandel ★★★★★

"... very rich and ripe in flavor, full bodied, supple in texture, and balanced, with complex flavors (boysenberry, blackberry, cherry, black pepper, raspberry, cedar, toast), and a vibrant persistent finish. One of the winery's best versions of this wine."

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CHARDONNAY & BRIGHT WHITES

2015 Dutton Ranch Chardonnay ★★★★★

Superb Chardonnay, in an elegant, complex style. It is supple, crisp, intensely flavored, and full bodied, with a long evolution (pear, peach, green apple, lime, vanilla, roasted nut, oak), and a vibrant, persistent finish. First rate (best ever version of this wine from D-G.). Great value."

2015 Rued Vineyard Chardonnay ★★★★★

"... perhaps the best version yet of this bottling. Vibrant, intense character (white peach, linden blossom, pineapple, honeysuckle, lime, white pepper), full body, crisp acidity, excellent balance, and very long, persistent finish. Remarkable quality."

2016 Chileno Valley Vineyard Riesling ★★★★★+

"...a very fine version of the varietal: aromatic, full bodied, long and rich on the palate, and very long and persistent on the finish. It tastes of honeysuckle, white peach, apple, lime, apricot, and pine resin."

2016 Green Valley Vineyard Gewürztraminer ★★★★★

"... exceptional: very rich in aroma and flavor, fleshy in texture, full bodied, concentrated, well balanced, and long on the finish, tasting of jasmine, lime, apple, litchi nut, baked pear, rose petal, guava, and white peach. Remarkable wine."

2016 Shop Block Pinot Blanc ★★★★★+

"...excellent: supple, medium rich, and relatively complex in flavor. It is full bodied, balanced, and long on the finish, tasting of pineapple, pear, almond, white peach, lemon peel, and roasted nut."

