

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2019

DUTTON RANCH—EMERALD RIDGE VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

APPELLATION

Green Valley of
Russian River Valley

VINEYARD

Emerald Ridge Vineyard
Certified Sustainable

HARVEST DATE

September 12, 20 & 24, 2019

ALCOHOL

13.7 %

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

6.3 gm/Lit.

pH

3.48

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold
soak, punch down

BARREL AGING

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

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED

447

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$74

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 the 2POM and 667 blocks, and the remaining 15% the 828, 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 2020, then sent back to barrel until its bottling in March of 2021. Taransaud barrels provide weight and richness, Hermitage barrels bring spice (think blueberry cobbler), while Fouquet chimes in with a little extra sweetness.

THE WINE

The even 2019 season gave us nicely ripened stems in our Green Valley grapes, so it seemed like a perfect year to amp up the stem inclusion in our Emerald Ridge Pinot—great news for all you whole cluster fans out there! This extra woodsy-ness is apparent in the leading aromas of cedar and redwood, and the savory spice quality that frames the brooding berry core of fruit. In the mouth, juicy bramble berries and blueberries are wrapped in elegant, fine-grained tannins. The sleek texture and mountain fruit are backed by lively acidity, while baking spices complete the lengthy finish. Play up the sweet and savory nature of the wine with similar pairings, such as brown sugar and paprika rubbed salmon, butternut squash and mushroom risotto, and roast chicken, and cheeses like Cypress Grove's Bermuda Triangle.

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.