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DUTTON RANCHES Russian River Valley | Sonoma County
2018 PINOT NOIR

VINEYARD
Davis Bynum Pinot Noirs showcase the unique terroir of distinct sites in the Russian River Valley. The 2018 Dutton Ranches Pinot Noir comes from the Dutton Gregori and Dutton Lorenzo vineyard in the Green Valley of the Russian River Valley AVA, a cool climate area just south of Forestville, CA. The vines grow in the fabled Goldridge sandy loam, common to this area of the Russian River Valley.
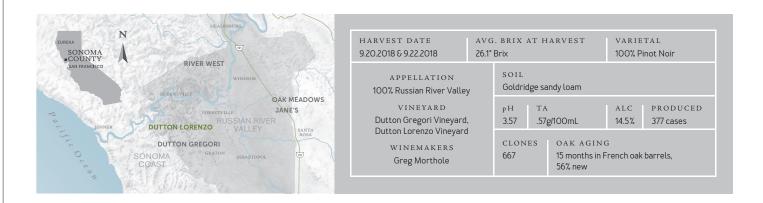
THE HARVEST
The temperature during the 2018 growing season was very mild with uncharacteristically low precipitation at only 23 inches of rain. Very few days exceeded 90°F which resulted in a prolonged hang time to allow the flavors and sugars to properly develop. Harvest began a week later than the much warmer 2017 vintage with cool and overcast mornings, with the fruit being hand picked in the early morning of September 15.

WINEMAKING
Our Dutton Ranches Pinot Noir showcases the briary fruit tones and higher acidity from grapes grown in the cooler Green Valley neighborhood of the Russian River Valley. Dijon clone 667 was chosen from both vineyards for its generous fruit profile and intense complexity. Aging this wine in a higher amount of new French oak to match the high-toned fruit provided additional oak nuances and weight on the midpalate.

TASTE PROFILE
Plum, ripe cherry, toasted oak and caramel aromas lead to a richer mouthful of toasted marshmallow, fruity plum and ripe cherry flavors with supple body and slightly chewy tannins on the finish. Savor this wine with goat cheese crostini topped with wild mushrooms, rosemary crusted lamb shanks or your favorite sharp cheese.

HARVEST DATE		AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST			VARIETAL	
9.20.2018 & 9.22.2018		26.1° Brix			100% Pinot Noir	

APPELLATION		SOIL				
100% Russian River Valley		Goldridge sandy loam				

VINEYARD	pH	TA		ALC	PRODUCED
Dutton Gregori Vineyard, Dutton Lorenzo Vineyard	3.57	.57g/100mL		14.5%	377 cases

WINEMAKERS	CLONES	OAK AGING
Greg Morthole	667	15 months in French oak barrels, 56% new

Davis Bynum is distinguished as the first winery to produce a single vineyard Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley. The vintage was 1973 and the grapes were from Joe Rochioli's now prized vineyard. Today, our heritage of winemaking lives on through hand-crafted single vineyard wines grown exclusively in the Russian River Valley.