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DUTTON RANCHES Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
2021 PINOT NOIR



VINEYARD

Davis Bynum wines showcase terroir, differences in flavor from distinct sites in the Russian River Valley. The 2021 Dutton Ranches Pinot Noir comes from the Dutton Ranch - Gregori and Dutton Ranch - Lorenzo vineyards in the cooler-climate Green Valley neighborhood of the Russian River Valley AVA. The vines are growing in the fabled Goldridge sandy loam, common to that area, which provide exceptional drainage.

THE HARVEST

The 2021 vintage was mild and dry. Seasonable weather made for very pleasant spring and summer days. Due to the even temperatures, we predicted an early harvest, but we found that the blocks were ripening slow and steady and need a little more time to ripen than in previous vintages. We waited for full flavors to develop and hand-picked the cool fruit in the early morning hours of Aug 27, Sept 1, and Sept 6.

WINEMAKING

We chose to blend the darker-fruited and spicy Dijon clones 667 and 777 from Dutton Ranch – Gregori, with a small amount of the red fruit and rose petal characteristics Dijon clone 115 from Dutton Ranch – Lorenzo. Fermenting this wine in a combination of oak barrels and stainless steel tanks contributes to generous fruit aromatics and complexity.

TASTE PROFILE

Fresh fruit aromas, silky tannins, fine acidity, and subtle spice nuances are traditional hallmarks of this wine. The 2021 vintage of Dutton Ranches shows deep color, ripe strawberry, spicy clove and a floral note. The oak plays with the wine but is always in the background, as the fruit is center stage, and complexity fills it out. The palate is pleasingly rich but with a measure of acidity to lift, and its softness on the finish has a touch of fine tannins for aging.



HARVEST DATE 8.27.21 – 9.6.21	AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST 24.7° Brix	VARIETAL 100% Pinot Noir	
APPELLATION 100% Russian River Valley		SOIL Goldridge sandy loam	
VINEYARD Dutton Gregori Vineyard, Dutton Lorenzo Vineyard,		pH 3.49	TA .59g/100mL
WINEMAKERS Greg Morthole		CLONES 115, 667, 777	OAK AGING 14 months in French and European oak barrels, 100% 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 wines grown exclusively in Russian River Valley.