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DUTTON ORIGIN
2023 CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

94 PTS

"This inaugural vintage of Dutton Origin Chardonnay hails from the Dutton family's Home Ranch from their original 1967 planting of old Wente clones. Aromas of lemon custard and peach compote are delicately interlaced with Asian pear and white tea. An ample acidity accents peach blossom, which extends the rich finish." – M.M.



BACIGALUPI VINEYARD
2023 PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

95 PTS

"Cherries brighten the earthy perfume emanating from the glass. Dusky notes of tobacco are subdued by a fresh acidity. With a depth of flavor and spice, the wine is accented with red licorice and woodsy forest floor. Dried herbs complement plum, mushroom, and leather, as a dot of cinnamon spice readies the palate for the next sip. Aged 14 months in 67% new French oak." – M.M.



ROCHIOLI VINEYARD
2023 PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

96 PTS

"It was David Bynum who produced the first single-vineyard Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley, and the fruit came from Rochioli Vineyard. This release celebrates the 50th anniversary of that release. Lip-smacking tannins deliver a rich, savory soul, with an inner light achieved through its ethereal, exotic notes of jasmine, peony, rhubarb, and raspberry. Notes of parchment, red sweet beets, and wet stone are an ode to its distinguished terroir." – M.M.

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