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# The CALLING

Russian River Valley

DUTTON RANCH CHARDONNAY

2015

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## BACKGROUND

Dutton Ranch is composed of 1,100 acres of premium Sonoma County vineyards planted on coveted Goldridge sandy loam soil. Fruit for this vintage was sourced from several locations within Dutton Ranch's Russian River Valley vineyards. Plots in the warmer end of the valley contributed ripe tropical elements, while those from cooler areas lent minerality and a structural backbone.

## APPELLATION

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

## SOURCING

Dutton Ranch Vineyard

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

## WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-sorted and whole clusters were gently pressed into French oak barrels. The wine was barrel-fermented with native yeasts and underwent 100% native malolactic fermentation. It was aged sur lie in barrel for 11 months with frequent battonage.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 harvest was one of finesse and elegance. Slightly cooler than 2014, the weather allowed our Alexander Valley vineyard to ripen evenly, with a long and extended hang time, resulting in a wine of intense flavor and elegance. The Cabernet Sauvignon was so well balanced and complex that only a small amount of Malbec was used to round out the wine. The 2015 vintage will age perfectly.

## OAK AGING

100% French Oak, 35% new

## TIME IN OAK

11 months

## TASTING NOTES

Intensely aromatic with notes of lemon curd, honeysuckle and white rose petals. Crisp acidity is balanced with subtle French oak on the palate. Flavors of ripe melon, lemon and baked brioche combine for a long, elegant finish.

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.36    TA 5.3 g/L    RS 5.7 g/L    Alc. 14.1%

## WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

## FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz