



The CALLING

Russian River Valley
SULLIVAN VINEYARD CHARDONNAY
2015

BACKGROUND

Dutton Ranch's Sullivan Vineyard is located on a gentle north facing slope at a 200 foot elevation in the Green Valley sub-AVA of the Russian River Valley. With 30+ year old plantings of Wente selection Chardonnay growing in Goldridge soil, Sullivan Vineyard offers a rich and luscious wine that belies the crisp acidity present.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma County

SOURCING

Sullivan 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

After three bountiful vintages, 2015 resulted in much smaller berry sizes, lower yields, but enhanced quality with more concentrated flavors. Cool nights throughout the growing season helped retain this wine's characteristic acidity.

OAK AGING

100% French Oak, 30% new

TIME IN OAK

15 months

TASTING NOTES

Beautifully aromatic with notes of peach, apricot and some subtle oak notes. A rich mouthfeel fills the palate, balanced with crisp acidity and flavors of stone fruit, pineapple and crème brulee. Well-integrated oak notes are present on the long, persistent finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.47 TA 6.6 g/L RS <1.0 g/L Alc. 14.47%

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

FOUNDERS

Peter Deutsch and Jim Nantz