



PATZ & HALL

2013 DUTTON RANCH – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: Made with some of the oldest plantings of Chardonnay in western Sonoma County, this wine is predominantly a blend of California heritage clones and selections—Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente, UC Davis clone 4 and Spring Mountain. Mostly dry-farmed, the vines struggle to produce small but intensely concentrated berries, making for great depth of flavor and texture. Historically, Dutton Ranch yields fragrant, tropical aromatics, underscored by a crisp mineral character.

Tasting Notes: This alluring wine offers a lovely nose filled with fresh and focused layers of summer melon, peach, white flowers and spice. On the palate, mouthwatering acidity and Dutton Ranch's signature minerality provide lift and energy, while underscoring the purity of the honeydew and Muscat-like fruit. Hints of French oak-inspired cinnamon, nutmeg and roasted almond add nuance to this wine, and carry through to a bright lingering finish. A lovely and versatile food wine!

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit

Whole-cluster pressed

100% indigenous yeast

Sur lie aged with weekly stirring

100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

38% new Burgundian French oak barrels

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Retail Price per 750 ml: \$44.00

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Gail, Steve and Joe Dutton - Dutton Ranch - Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

In 1969, Warren Dutton planted some of the first Chardonnay vines in western Sonoma. Sons Steve and Joe Dutton, along with their mother Gail, carry on in Warren's footsteps with what is now one of Sonoma County's most successful vineyard operations. We are able to select from seven blocks of Chardonnay largely planted with California heirloom clones (Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente and UC Davis clone 4) for the Dutton Ranch Chardonnay bottling.

James Hall
Winemaker