



## 2013 Chardonnay Dutton Ranch Russian River Valley

**ORIGIN:** The grapes for this Chardonnay came exclusively from a vineyard farmed by the renowned Dutton Family. The twelve best barrels made from this vineyard became the blend, each specifically selected for showing ideal and unique traits for this wine. The Dutton family has been growing grapes in Sonoma County---specifically the Russian River Valley---for generations. Their fruit is highly prized, as their meticulous farming has shown consistency and quality over the years.

**VINEYARD NOTES:** The 2013 vintage had ideal temperatures and growing conditions. The flavors were able to develop and show expressively. The vineyards were farmed meticulously in order to keep the vigorous canopy -from the fertile Goldridge Soil, famed to the Russian River Valley- balanced with the crop load on the vines. Two vineyard sites were used to compose this wine, Braughton on Vinehill Road and Hanson located at the Dutton Shop. Grapes were harvested on September 6th and September 8th of 2013.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** In order to maximize quality, all grapes went direct to press as whole clusters. After pressing and settling, the juice was racked into French oak barrels for fermentation. Once dry and finished with malo-lactic fermentation, the lots were aged in barrel for ten months on the lees, with occasional stirring to increase richness and body. This wine was aged in French oak barrels for 10 months, of which, 20% was new. This wine was bottled in August of 2014.

**TASTING NOTES:** Dutton Ranch Chardonnay was immediately identifiable as being special and superior to others. The wine has baked apple pie aromas and accentuates clean mellow fruit of gooseberry and citrus. This wine has a mineral complexity that the Russian River Valley appellation brings to chardonnay. It has richness and length in the palate that balance with the perfume and lemon citrus aromas.

This vintage produced 285 (750 ml) cases  
Suggested Retail Price \$44

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