



## MacRostie Winery and Vineyards Vineyards & Winegrowing

Using grapes farmed by legendary winegrowing families, including the Duttons, Sangiacomos, Ritchies, Martinellis and Bacigalupis, and from Steve MacRostie's own Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in the mountainous Petaluma Gap region, MacRostie has assembled one of the Sonoma Coast's most acclaimed and diverse vineyard programs. As a result, MacRostie's Sonoma Coast wines are made using grapes from a who's who of vineyard-designate-quality winegrowing sites.

Officially established as an American Viticultural Area in 1987, the Sonoma Coast has long been synonymous with great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. It is a remarkably diverse appellation that ranges from the Pacific Ocean to the Russian River Valley to San Pablo Bay. While the MacRostie vineyard program reflects the Sonoma Coast's rich diversity, one of the common threads connecting the large majority of the sites Steve and MacRostie Winemaker Heidi Bridenhagen select is how cool they are. The team focuses on areas where marine influences, wind, fog, or elevation create the ideal cool growing environments—environments that are integral to achieving MacRostie's pure, balanced and age-worthy style.

Today, MacRostie works with more than 30 different Chardonnay vineyards and over 15 Pinot Noir sites. Few, if any, small-sized wineries like MacRostie can match this diversity. In its drive to represent the entirety of the Sonoma Coast, including the nerve, ethereal aromatics, and bracing acidity that are hallmarks of the extreme Sonoma Coast, MacRostie has continued to explore ever-farther west to sites like Goldrock Ridge and Campbell Ranch, which are just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean. These vineyards have added important elements to the MacRostie winemaking program.

Heidi and Steve are both in every vineyard MacRostie partners with regularly throughout the growing season and especially during harvest, working carefully with the growers to tailor farming techniques, including pruning, fruit drops, harvest decisions, etc., for each block. In recent years, Steve and Heidi have also been working with viticultural guru Allen Holstein (Argyle Winery, Stoller Vineyards and Domaine Drouhin) to refine MacRostie's farming program. Together, Allen, Steve and Heidi have implemented meticulous new vineyard management techniques that have further improved quality by lowering yields and creating better vine balance.

At the core of MacRostie's renowned vineyard program are five world-class winegrowing sites, including Steve's Wildcat Mountain Vineyard, and MacRostie's estate vineyard in the Russian River Valley:

### **Wildcat Mountain Vineyard – Chardonnay & Pinot Noir:**

Planted by Steve MacRostie in 1998, and located in the cool Petaluma Gap region of the Sonoma Coast, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard possesses an ideal mountain terroir and remarkable volcanic soils that consistently produce fruit with intensity and depth of flavor. Very close to the bay, yet 700 feet above sea level; this vineyard is windy, foggy, cool, and very stingy with its crop levels, which results in exceptional wines. This sustainably certified vineyard is broken up into 18 different blocks spread across five fields, with a variety of elevations, exposures and soil types. Wildcat's Chardonnay offers exceptional structure, sophisticated minerality and cool-climate "nerve," while the Pinot Noir delivers sumptuous color, weight and black fruit character.



**Dutton Ranch – Chardonnay and Pinot Noir:**

In 1967, Warren Dutton planted the first Chardonnay field in far western Sonoma. Today, sons Steve and Joe Dutton guide one of Sonoma County's most successful vineyard operations. Recognized as one of the most important families in Sonoma County viticulture, the Duttons are extremely hands on as they guide their highly skilled staff. A multigenerational farming family that has been in the Russian River Valley and Green Valley AVAs since the late 1800s, they represent the strongest tradition of sustainable farming.

**Sangiaco Vineyard – Chardonnay:**

In the early years of MacRostie, Sangiaco was the winery's sole source of Chardonnay. This amazing family-owned vineyard is located along Sonoma Creek, and has vines planted between 1974 and 1994. Like the Duttons, the Sangiacos helped to pioneer Sonoma County viticulture by converting their properties from orchards to vineyards. In the years since, the Sangiacos have established themselves as master viticulturists, renowned for the exceptional quality of their grapes.

**Goldrock Ridge Vineyard – Pinot Noir:**

Located just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean, near the town of Annapolis, in what is often referred to as the "extreme" Sonoma Coast, Goldrock Ridge is a testament to the phenomenal wines that are possible at the extreme edges of cool-climate viticulture. The site features four clones of Pinot Noir planted in Goldridge sandy loam soils at an elevation of approximately 600 feet. The wines from Goldrock Ridge offer a brilliant wildness that matches the site itself.

**Thale's Vineyard – Pinot Noir:**

MacRostie's stunning 13-acre estate Pinot Noir vineyard on Westside Road will also be the home of the winery's new tasting facility and purpose-built winery, which is currently under construction. Steve and Heidi have been overseeing the farming of this young site, implementing new soil nutrition and irrigation protocols, and limiting crop levels. In 2013, this exceptional young vineyard produced some of MacRostie's finest lots of Pinot Noir, and it is poised to become a cornerstone of the MacRostie vineyard program.