

# DUTTON *Goldfield*

**2000**  
**CHERRY RIDGE VINEYARD**  
**SYRAH**  
**RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

**APPELLATION**

Russian River Valley –  
Green Valley

**VINEYARD**

Cherry Ridge Vineyard

**ALCOHOL**

13.5%

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY**

.55 gm/100 ml.

**pH**

3.65

**WINEMAKING**

Open top fermentation, cold  
soak, manual punch down

**BARREL AGING**

19 months in French oak  
(50% new barrels)

**WINEMAKER**

Dan Goldfield

**CASES PRODUCED**

160

**THE VINEYARD**

Cherry Ridge Vineyard is situated on the east-facing slope that forms the western edge of the Green Valley. The proverbial “warm spot in a cold area”, Cherry Ridge is just temperate enough to ripen Syrah in a region best known for the cold-loving Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Syrah from this climate shows focused berry fruit, bright acidity, intense color and great structure. Just two acres are planted here to clone 877 Syrah.

**WINEMAKING**

In the traditional fashion, the Syrah is fermented in small open top fermenters and punched down by hand. We do a pre-fermentation cold soak to silken the mouthfeel and brighten the fruit. After fermentation the wine is raked into French oak to age. During its 19 months of barrel aging, the wine is raked several times for flavor and structure development as well as to hone the barrel choices for that particular stage of its life. It was bottled, unfiltered and unfiltered, in late April, 2002.

**THE WINE**

Boysenberry, silk, cedar and cinnamon; I don't even know where to start with this one. This is a wine that exudes balance and depth, vivid fruit and gentle power. Syrah on the cool Cherry Ridge hillside takes on a brightness, acid balance and spice that focus the inherent thickness and depth of this wonderfully versatile varietal. Deep purple in the glass, the Syrah jumps out with dark fruits and candied spice aromas, and follows with sweet berries, nutmeg, and cedar to work with its sensuously silky mouthfeel. Few Syrahs will match its balance and versatility for food pairings.

*After working closely together as winemaker and grape grower since 1990, Steve Dutton and Dan Goldfield merged their talents to create Dutton-Goldfield Winery in 1998. Our mission is to produce vineyard-designated Pinot Noir and Chardonnay (along with a touch of Zinfandel and Syrah) from our home in the western Russian River Valley. The wines express the unique qualities of fruit from hand-selected vineyards and the work of an appreciative winemaker.*