

DUTTON *Goldfield*

2000

DEVIL'S GULCH VINEYARD

PINOT NOIR

MARIN COUNTY

APPELLATION

Marin County

VINEYARD

Devil's Gulch Vineyard

ALCOHOL

12.7%

TITRATABLE ACIDITY

.56 gm/100 ml.

pH

3.56

WINEMAKING

Open top fermentation, cold
soak, manual punch down

BARREL AGING

Aged 10 months in
French oak
(65% new barrels)

WINEMAKER

Dan Goldfield

CASES PRODUCED

240

THE VINEYARD

Pinot Noir fans appreciate exotic vineyard sites and eccentric vineyard owners. Mark Pasternak and his Devil's Gulch Vineyard fit the bill on both accounts. Located on a steep, convoluted hillside adjacent to the Point Reyes Peninsula in Western Marin County, Devil's Gulch is a pioneering planting. Mark lives on the property with his family and is truly passionate (some would say obsessive) about increasing the fame of Marin County as a viticultural area. He is dedicated to sustainable agricultural practices and minimal chemical use. The ranch combines steep terraces, shallow soil, an extremely cool location, protected exposures, and well-chosen Dijon clonal selections to produce a small crop of unique fruit.

WINEMAKING

After sorting and destemming into small open top fermenters, the must is cold-soaked for 5 days in order to gently extract spice and fruit characters, while mitigating harsher tannins. We punch down by hand up to 4 times daily, according to the stage of the fermentation. This small vineyard was split into two lots to respect variation within the vineyard and to vary fermentation techniques (part was done with indigenous yeast, part with an inoculated isolate) and add complexity to the bottling. After fermentation the wine was racked into French oak to age. It was racked and blended once more in its life to marry the individual barrel and fermentation personalities, and to clarify it for unfiltered bottling. It was bottled in the fall after spending approximately 11 months in wood.

THE WINE

Devil's Gulch Pinot jumps out of the glass with vivid aromas of cranberries, raspberries, leather and nutmeg. This nose is echoed in its vibrant cherry red color. It follows on the palate with juicy red berry fruit and supple tannins. The moderate alcohol and bright acidity let the exotic vineyard character shine as it should. It's a wine to be quaffed with good food and great friends, as Mark and Myriam Pasternak would want.

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.