

DUTTON *Goldfield*

ABOUT DUTTON-GOLDFIELD WINERY

Steve and Theresa Dutton, and Dan and Loie Goldfield launched Dutton-Goldfield Winery in 1998 with classic Russian River Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the famed Dutton Ranch. After working closely together as winemaker and grape grower since 1990, Dan and Steve decided to merge their talents in this new venture, with a mission to produce superb quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay (along with a touch of Zinfandel and Syrah) from their home in the western Russian River Valley.

THE PARTNERS

Steve's father Warren Dutton first planted grapes in 1964 and Steve now manages many of the finest vineyards in the Russian River Valley. The Duttons were pioneers in planting grapes in the coldest parts of our appellation and continue to push the limits with spectacular new vineyards in the Freestone and Occidental areas. They were also among the first to champion Pinot Noir in a region where, less than a decade ago, most of the fruit went exclusively for sparkling wine. Comprising over sixty small, unique vineyard sites throughout the area, the Dutton Ranch reputation is already appreciated by those who know fine wine. Dan and Steve choose grapes from their favorite spots to create the Dutton Ranch Chardonnay and Pinot Noir blends, and then select some special vineyards to showcase for their extremely limited release vineyard-designate wines.

Anyone who has met Dan Goldfield professionally has seen his passion for wine in general, and the Russian River Valley Appellation in particular. Dan grew up in Philadelphia, studied chemistry at Brandeis University, and started a career in research chemistry. Great bottles of Burgundy provided by his older brother kindled a passion for wine, especially Pinot Noir. After receiving his Master's degree in Enology from the University of California, Davis, Dan worked at Robert Mondavi Winery and Schramsberg Vineyards. He joined La Crema Winery as winemaker in 1990. In 1994, due primarily to fabulous single vineyard lots of Pinot Noir, Hartford Court Winery was founded under his direction. Dan's greatest interest as a winemaker is in the unique pieces of land from which wine is created. His venture with the Dutton family is the perfect extension of this outlook.

THE WINES

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are the mainstays of the Dutton-Goldfield production. Using fruit from carefully chosen vineyards, Dan produces wine that reflects the natural tendencies of the area: crisp, well-structured wines that display the complexity, balance and intensity that the partners believe are key to world-class wines.

Dutton-Goldfield Winery's first releases were a Dutton Ranch Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the 1998 vintage. Today Dan and Steve continue to produce Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Dutton Ranch plantings, numerous vineyard-designated wines, as well as small lots of old vine Zinfandel and hillside Syrah.

The Dutton-Goldfield wines are crafted using traditional techniques such as barrel and malolactic fermentation for the Chardonnay, and open top fermentation for the Pinot Noir. The winery is a partnership of friends, colleagues, neighbors and families. The wines reflect this spectacular part of Northern California where the grapes are grown, the superb quality of fruit from carefully chosen vineyards, and the work of an appreciative winemaker.