



PATZ & HALL

2005 DUTTON RANCH- RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: The vineyard yields fragrant, tropical aromatics underscored by a crisp mineral character. Look for fresh tastes of gravenstein apple and exotic fruit flavors of passion fruit and guava. Produced from some of the oldest plantings of Chardonnay in western Sonoma County, this wine is a blend of California heritage clones- Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente and UC Davis clone 4. Mostly dry-farmed, the wines struggle to produce small but intensely concentrated berries, making for great depth of flavor and texture.

Tasting Notes: The 2005 DUTTON RANCH – Russian River Chardonnay displays beautiful aromas of lemon curd and passion fruit with hints of buttered toast and honey, intermingled with a ribbon of caramel. Creamy and rich, with flavors of lemon meringue and pineapple, the finish shows great finesse with integrated acidity and a wet stone minerality.

Winemaking:

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- Whole cluster pressed
- Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
- Sur* lie aged with weekly stirring
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 45% new Burgundian French oak barrels
- Bottled without filtration

Release Date: February, 2007

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Gail, Steve and Joe Dutton –Dutton Ranch - Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County

In 1969, while the nation looked to San Francisco during the Summer of Love, Warren Dutton sold the first Chardonnay harvest from one of the original vineyard sites in western Sonoma. Sons Steve and Joe Dutton, along with their mother Gail, carry on in Warren's footsteps with what is now one of Sonoma County's most successful vineyard operations. We are able to select from seven blocks of Chardonnay planted with California heirloom clones (Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente and UC Davis clone 4) for the Dutton Ranch Chardonnay bottling.

James Hall
Winemaker

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