



PATZ & HALL

2008 DUTTON RANCH - RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: This 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 predominantly a blend of California heritage clones and selections—Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente, UC Davis clone 4 and Spring Mountain. Mostly dry-farmed, the vines struggle to produce small but intensely concentrated berries, making for great depth of flavor and texture.

Tasting Notes: This is a graceful and sophisticated Chardonnay that's perfect for pairing with an array of foods. The aromas sing, with the old-vine heirloom clone fruit offering up enticing notes of crisp green apple, kiwi, peach and pineapple. This forward, estery fruit continues on the palate, where it is supported by mouth-cleansing acidity and appealing mineral notes. To underscore its purity and elegant structure, the wine was crafted using 40 percent new oak.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole cluster pressed
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
40% new Burgundian French oak barrels

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THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

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

In 1969, Warren Dutton planted some of the first Chardonnay vines 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 largely planted with California heirloom clones (Robert Young, Rued, Hyde-Wente and UC Davis clone 4) for the Dutton Ranch Chardonnay bottling.

James Hall
Winemaker