

# FRANCIS COPPOLA RESERVE

DUTTON RANCH • RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2016 PINOT NOIR



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The connection between a vine and the soil it's planted in creates the essence of a wine. Francis Coppola Reserve wines are vineyard-specific creations produced in limited quantities from distinctive sites in Sonoma County. Our winemaking team hand-selects the best lots of fruit from each vintage that capture the unique qualities of these prestigious vineyards. From these selections, we craft small-batch wines which are reserved exclusively for winery guests, Wine Family members, and those who shop with us online.

## DUTTON RANCH

Located less than ten miles from the Pacific Ocean, Dutton Ranch is located in the coolest part of the Russian River Valley, where fog rolls in every afternoon and lowers the temperature by 30-40 degrees each evening. This climate pattern not only allows the fruit to ripen and develop flavor concentration more slowly, it also helps retain an ideal level of natural acidity. The Dutton family has been working on this land for five generations. Their intricate knowledge of every lot and the nuances possessed by each clone help make this one of the most renowned parcels of land in California.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2016 experienced a classic growing season where a wet winter prepared the vines for good yields. Fruit matured slowly and extended the growing season, giving the grapes extra hangtime for development. Harvest was spread out over many weeks, a benefit that afforded the winemaking team a slow pace and the ability to devote more attention to each batch of fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

After a gentle press in the early morning hours, the grapes are fermented cool and punched down several times a day to extract a deep color. 2016 Francis Coppola Reserve Pinot Noir offers a lush, velvety palate that is beautifully balanced by seasoned oak and moderate tannins. Fragrant notes of raspberries, pomegranate, cloves, and rose petals give way to rich juicy flavors of cassis and wild strawberries. The lengthy finish reveals even more complexity as sweet spices, vanilla bean, and wood tones evolve on the palate.

Appellation: Russian River Valley  
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Barrel Regimen: 9 months French oak;  
40% new oak

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