



2017 VIRGINIA DARE HARD APPLE CIDER

Virginia Dare Winery brings to life the myths, people, and history of American wine and cider making, celebrating a history that goes back more than 400 years. Cider is woven through early American history with English colonists bringing the craft of making cider to the Americas in the 17th century. Cider was not only safer to drink than water, but it was also used as currency among the colonists and quickly became the drink of choice for the founding fathers.

APPLE ORCHARD

For years, we've sourced grapes from Dutton Ranch in the Russian River Valley. The meticulous care the growers devote to their vines is duplicated in their apple orchards. Our debut cider is made from Dutton Ranch Gravenstein and Golden Delicious apples. Gravenstein is an uncommon variety grown in Austria, Canada, Denmark, Australia, and Sonoma County, California. The cultivar is thought to have been brought to Sonoma by Russian fur traders in the 1800's. These apples were used for dried fruit and apple sauce for many years. Because of their short stems and delicate nature, Gravenstein apples are difficult to harvest, but they are highly prized for their firm, crisp texture and tart flavor.

TASTING NOTES

Virginia Dare Hard Apple Cider offers flavors reminiscent of green apples, pears, and white flowers. The purity of the aroma is amplified by light effervescence and crisp natural acidity. Pleasantly dry and refreshing, the aftertaste and finish of this cider shows hints of baking spice, which invites another sip.

APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

BLEND: 70% GRAVENSTEIN, 30% GOLDEN DELICIOUS

ALCOHOL: 6.7%