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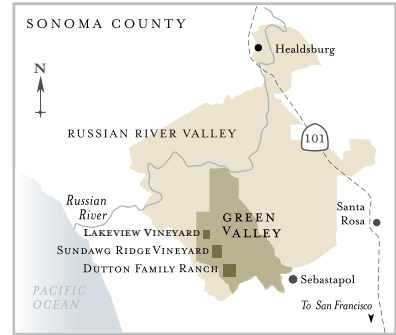
DUTTON RANCH
GREEN VALLEY of RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR
2009

APPELLATION

One of the smallest appellations of the West Sonoma Coast, Green Valley of Russian River Valley has a consistently cool climate, a result of the marine layer that comes from the Pacific Ocean each evening. The cooler weather and well-drained Goldridge soils create an idyllic climate for growing Pinot Noir, yielding complex, elegant wines with well-balanced acidity. Pinot Noir achieves greatness here.

VINEYARD

The Dutton family has been farming in Sonoma County since the 1880s. Their sustainably farmed vineyards are located on gently sloping hillsides and benchlands in the heart of the Russian River Valley. Three separate two-acre blocks are planted atop ancient sandstone marine terraces in rich, loamy soils. The eight-year-old vines were planted to specification on vine density, slope and direction, allowing exposure to both morning and afternoon sun. Four unique clones of Pinot Noir enhance the intrinsic complexity of this wine.



WINE

Winemaker James MacPhail allows each Sequana vineyard its own artful expression by approaching wine-making with a singular goal — letting the vines tell their own story. Artisan techniques such as hand-sorting, cold-soaking and extended maceration, along with aging sur lie in French oak capture this simple notion: the wine recalls where it comes from. With the winemaker's easy hand a constant, each of Sequana's offerings present a unique tale of Pinot Noir.

Inviting aromas of tea leaves and an Asian spice box complement the wine's elegant, plush, round texture. Full flavors of wild strawberry, Bing cherry, raspberry and blueberry last through the long, fruit-filled finish. Native yeasts fermented half the lots, adding balance to the complexity of the Burgundian yeast also employed.



CLONES:	828, 777, 115, 667
pH:	3.72
TA:	0.55 gms/100ml
ALC.:	13.9%
BARRELS:	40% New French Oak, nine months average prior to bottling
COOPERS:	Rousseau / Remond / Billon / Damy / Cadus / Vicard / Dargaud & Jaegle / Mercurey / Sirugue / Leroi
BOTTLED:	August 10, 2010
RELEASE:	Spring, 2011
