

# Singing Tree

## 2021 Dutton Ranch RESERVE CHARDONNAY

### VINEYARD NOTES

The gentle slopes near the town of Graton were once home to apple orchards filled with songbirds. By the early 1990s, most of the orchards were replanted with grapes. It is here along the banks of Atascadero Creek at Dutton Ranch Mill Station in Green Valley, the coolest sub-appellation of the Russian River, that veteran winemaker Nick Goldschmidt crafts his rendition of cool-climate chardonnay. The Dutton Reserve Chardonnay is shaped by a distinct minerality and structural backbone, layered with graphite and verve.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2021 was one of the longest ripening seasons for the past two decades. Seasons are starting earlier due to lack of water in the soil and the early warm spring temperature, but even out with the cooling trend that comes on in veraison in August. However, there was the heat spike over Mother's Day weekend which restricted the berry expansion. Yields were lighter with small berries and small clusters. This made this Chardonnay bright, fresh and full flavored.

### TASTING NOTES

The color is a golden yellow hue. The aroma has scents of white flowers, lily of the valley, peach blossom and citrus with just a touch of grilled almonds pointing to a touch of oak. On the palate, the wine is dominated by a harmonious roundness of passion fruit and orange melon. There is a touch of oak but there is no heaviness at all. The finish is exceptionally long and enhances the finesse of the whole wine. Lush and generous in a French Montrachet style. Enjoy with creamy pastas, coconut shrimp, dungeness crab and charcuterie platters.



### VINTAGE

2021

### VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

### APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

### VINEYARD

Dutton Ranch Mill Station

### VINES / ROOTSTOCK / CLONE

Field Selection/1103P/Sec

### SOILS / PRUNING / TRELLIS

Sandy Loam, Gold Ridge/Cane/U-trellis

### HARVEST DATE

Hand Harvested 10/1/2021

### HARVEST YIELD

3.7 tons per acre

### ALCOHOL / TA / pH

14.2% / 6.7g/L / 3.46

### FILTERING

Unfined / Unfiltered / Vegan

### FERMENTATION

Barrel / Partial ML

### BARRELS

100% French / 50% New

### CASES PRODUCED

188 12-PACKS

### WINEMAKER

Nick Goldschmidt

