

DARMS LANE

Napa Valley



2016 ROSÈ OF PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD: The vineyard source for the Pinot Noir is the Dutton Ranch Goff-Whitton Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. This vineyard has lighter, silty soils and develops its plush red fruit characters slowly.

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2016 started out similarly to the 2015 vintage with a mild February leading to an earlier bud break of mid-March for Pinot Noir in the Russian River Valley. May, June, and July were consistently warm and pleasant leading to expectations of another extremely early harvest. With a lack of extreme heat spikes in August and September we could let the fruit hang and gradually ripen. The grapes had intense cherry and berry fruit flavors and excellent tannin maturity at harvest.

HARVEST DATE: Dutton Ranch Goff-Whitton Vineyard September 15

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox

BARREL AGING: 6 months in neutral French Oak. The juice was drawn off the Pinot Noir skins about 24 hours after crushing to obtain the light pink color and was then barrel fermented. Aged on the lees, the barrels were stirred every two weeks during the first 4 months of aging to help build body and complexity. The wine was bottled on March 16, 2017.

TASTING NOTES: Aromas of strawberry, hints of candied cherry and citrus with floral, jasmine and rose petal notes. The palate is light and creamy with flavors of strawberry and watermelon with a lingering red fruit finish. Delicious on its own as an aperitif, will pair well with your grilled summer meals and salads.

PRODUCTION: 28 cases

www.darmslanewine.com
info@darmslanewine.com
707.224.4200 phone
707.224.4218 fax