

Lucie

2012 Lucie Russian River Valley Chardonnay

To anyone familiar with Sonoma County wines, the name Dutton Ranch needs no introduction. These premier growers are renowned for their viticultural practices and the quality of their fruit. Our Chardonnay is sourced from Russian River Valley vines that are planted in coveted Goldridge soil.

When I first thought about producing a Chardonnay, it was as a result of having savored several of the Domaine Raveneau Chablis while in Burgundy. I am a devoted aficionado of understated, subtle, feminine Chardonnays and producing such a wine in California was my goal. So, we picked our fruit a little earlier than many California Chardonnay producers. The fruit was whole-cluster pressed to preserve maximum quality and we chose not to allow malolactic fermentation. The resulting wine is infused with citrus aromas and flavors, and is crisp and clean. The longer the wine is open, the more infectious its appeal in aroma and flavor. This is our first vintage of Chardonnay and I think we have a winner!

Wine Advocate Oct 2013 Rating: 90

I enjoyed the 2012 Chardonnay Lucie from Dutton Ranch. It exhibits lots of honeysuckle, orange blossom, hazelnut and spice notes in a complex, premier cru Meursault-like style. Medium to full-bodied, fresh and exuberantly fruity, it should be enjoyed over the next several years. - Robert Parker

Wine Enthusiast Oct 1, 2014 Rating: 90

Fuller in style, it's richly textured, creamy and as juicy-sweet as a tree-ripened apple. Honeysuckle and lilac add aromatic adornment. The finish is clean and bright, a good example of Dutton Ranch in an exuberant year.

100% Chardonnay from the Dutton Hill Vineyard, Dutton Ranch

Harvested on October 8th at 23.7 degrees Brix

Bottled unfiltered and unfined July 24th, 2013

Barrel fermented and aged in once-used Taransaud barrels *sur lie* for 10 months

Alcohol: 14.5 %

TA: 0.64 g/100ml

pH: 3.43

Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist: Kirk Venge

Proprietors: The Janzen Family

Total Production: 120 cases

Release Date: Fall 2013

Website Retail Price: \$50.

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