

2015 JAX RESERVE CHARDONNAY

JAX VINEYARDS, DUTTON RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY This wine begins with a vibrant, golden hue that rolls out notes of butterscotch, light caramel and delicate barrel vanillin. Crisp lemon drop and meringue flavors run rampant around the palate. Medium bodied and dry by nature, there is a slight perceived sweetness of fruit on the finish.

THE STORY BEHIND THIS WINE

The fruit for this wine is sourced from Dutton Ranch's famous Sebastopol vineyard. The JAX Chardonnay Wente Clone vines were planted in 1980 and dwell in famed "moon dust" soil. This fine grain soil provides the perfect combination of excellent drainage and low-yields, which result in a wine with plenty of vibrancy and purity. Hand waxing each bottle, we call this wine "decadence inside and out."

VINTAGE NOTES

After three years of plentiful harvests, California's water shortage finally caught up with Russian River Valley's vines. Yields were down 50-90 percent in some vineyards. Ripening was greeted by a warm summer with picking starting in early August. Even though the yields were small, the grapes that were harvested were outstanding.

Winemaker Kirk Venge ages this wine in 30% new French oak over a period of 10 months, allowing the fruit's characteristics to shine. The beautiful concentration of fruit flavors take on the richness from the French oak barrels while the wine's balanced acidity maintains a crisp, bright palate. This wine is bottled unfiltered and unfinned and will cellar till 2020 and beyond.

SPECIFICATIONS

PROPRIETORS

Kimberly Jackson,
Trent Jackson,
& Dan Parrott

WINEMAKER

Kirk Venge

BLEND COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

CASES PRODUCED

175 Cases

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL

14.1%

