



RED MARE WINES

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This wine pops from the glass with baked apple, hints of caramel, pineapple, honey, and beeswax. There is an exotic flower element that mingles with stone fruit and toasted oak. It is lush and creamy with hints of clotted cream and delicate banana. In the mouth, it is very balanced, with richness, density, and viscosity, tamed by a generously crisp base that grounds the wine and focuses it into a pleasing fresh finish.

2012 Vintage Notes:

After three cool years, the warmer 2012 vintage was extremely welcome. The Wine Spectator described it as "An ideal season," and they were exactly right. There were no emergencies in 2012, no frost, no unexpected or unwanted rainfall, and no out of the ordinary heat events. It was undoubtedly the most gently paced, easy-going season in years. It was the kind of vintage that justifies Napa Valley's reputation as the home of great wines in America. 2012 felt as though we were finally back to normal. After the unusual years preceding it, everyone was exceedingly happy. In 2012, we started to source a small amount of non-Cabernet Sauvignon grape varieties, and the results were captivating.

Vineyard & Production Notes:

Red Mare's Chardonnay, chosen by design, comes from Dutton Ranch's Mills Stations Vineyard, one of Dutton Ranch's cooler sites. The soil is a thick deposit of the coveted Goldridge series, known for producing deliciously complex Chardonnay. It is the combination of the "Old Block" planted to an unknown clone in the '70s along with a touch of the modern - Dijon Clone 76. This results in the beautiful juxtaposition of the bright, forward fruit and textured, mineral notes. We whole-clusters press, and gently cold settle, after which the juice goes directly to the barrel. It ferments in 100% Burgundian oak barrels, with about 15% new. Malolactic stops somewhere around 30 - 60%.

Production: 465 cases

TA: 6.63 g/L

pH: 3.41

Alc: 14.5%

100% Fermentation in French Oak Barrel

15% New Oak

Vineyard & Appellation Breakdown:

100% Dutton Ranch, Mills Station

100% Russian River, Sonoma County