



RED MARE WINES

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This wine has a lovely juxtaposition of cold pineapple and fresh pear along with subtle earthier notes like clean dry hay and freshly wet gravel. As the wine opens up, stewed apples and vanilla cream come through, making it a perfect wine to start off those fall and winter meals. In the mouth, it enters with a lovely freshness, filling the mouth with its generous volume. The aromatics, which match the nose, rise up as the wine warms in the mouth. It finishes clean with lovely acidity and comforting warmth.

2016 Vintage Notes:

The 2016 vintage is the last of Napa's recent drought years. Luckily, late spring rains helped recharge the soil profile giving a strong start to the season. The early season started well with no frosts or large temperature spikes. After the cool spring of 2015, this uneventful spring was welcome. Mild temperatures continued into August and allowed for outstanding flavor development and retention of acid. 2016's moderate yields and ideal temperatures are apparent with the expressive fruit flavors and freshness showing in the glass.

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: 739 cases

TA: 5.79 g/L

pH: 3.55

Alc: 14.2%

100% Fermentation in French Oak Barrel

15% New Oak

Vineyard & Appellation Breakdown:

100% Dutton Ranch, Mills Station

100% Russian River, Sonoma County