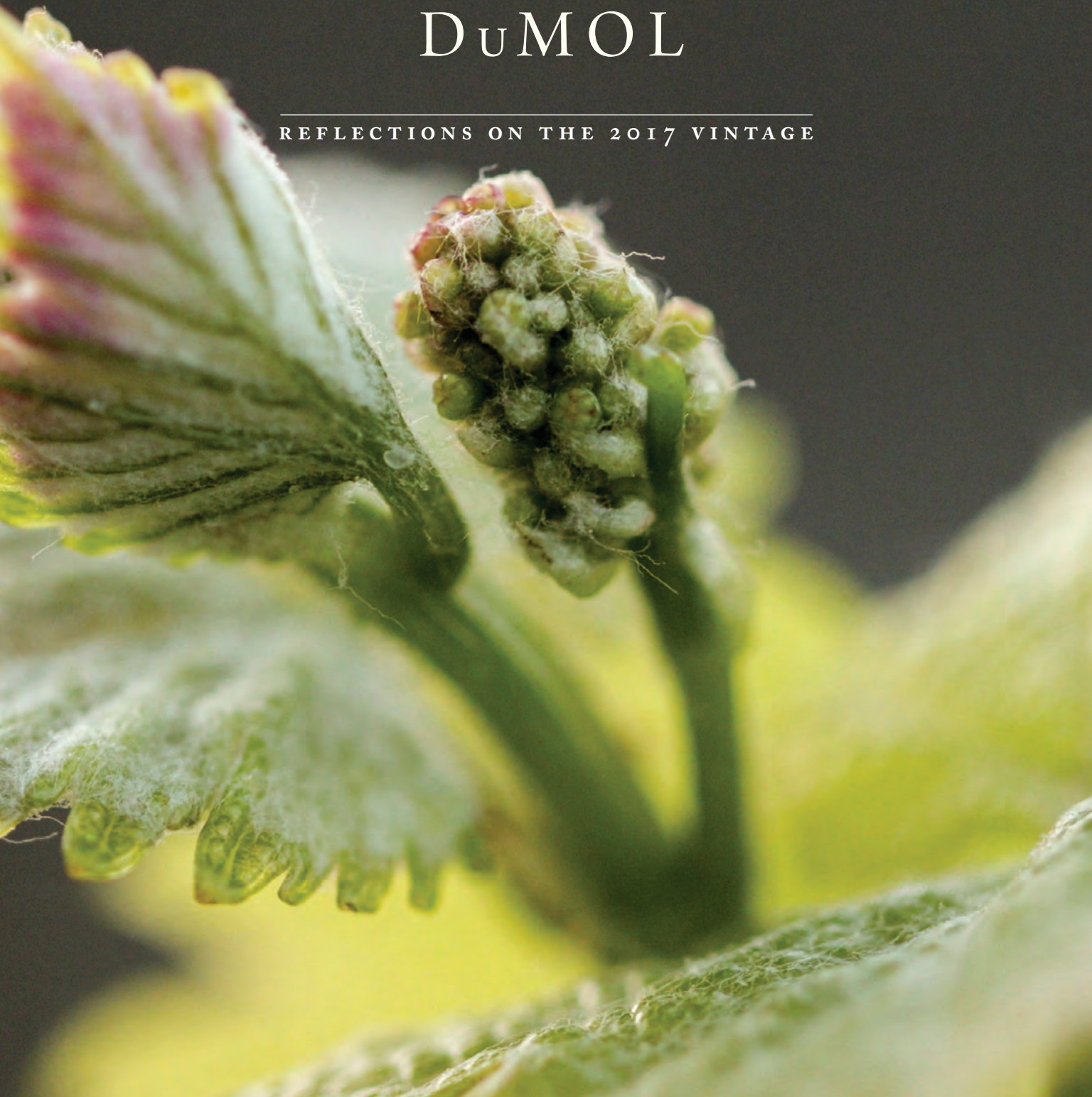




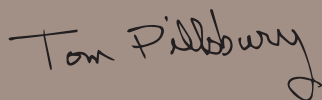
DUMOL

REFLECTIONS ON THE 2017 VINTAGE



With over two decades of farming and crafting wines of balance and detail, we are excited to introduce the 2017 vintage of our appellation blends and vineyard designate wines.

Thank you for playing a key role in bringing these wines to market. We are grateful for your partnership, drive, and passion for excellent wines. We look forward to a prosperous and productive year ahead.



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DuMOL's Estate vineyards are planted at an extremely high-density, 3,630 vines per acre. This ensures the vines delve deep and produce minimal clusters which are incredibly concentrated and vibrant.

REFLECTIONS ON OUR 2017 VINTAGE

One of the unique aspects of DuMOL that has always separated us from many of our peers is our focus on the small concentrated zone in the southwest part of the Russian River Valley where the valley itself merges into the coastal mountains. Over the past twenty years, we've become intimate with and incredibly attuned to this area, our local knowledge deep, broad and unmatched.

We've never been tempted to venture further afield into California's other renowned growing regions because, to us, this locale has always held the highest potential to produce the most thrilling Chardonnays and Pinots, not only in California but also in the greater wine world.

Because our vineyards are small and concentrated in such a localized area, when the vintage is a classic, our entire portfolio benefits. In 2017, the ideal combination of a moderate crop and seasonal conditions gave us the finest vintage in our history. Every vineyard we harvested performed at the height of its potential, delivering its finest-ever expression in the resulting wines—powerful and intense, but poised with an element of finesse and delicacy.

Enclosed are my tasting notes for our 2017 releases. I hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed the challenge of growing, vinifying and bottling them.



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WESTER REACH: THE EVOLUTION OF OUR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY BLENDS

Select fruit from our high-density Estate vineyards serves as the core of our Wester Reach Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. We interweave three of the Russian River Valley's distinctive sub-districts—from the valley floor stretching westward to the coolest “reaches” of the coast.

It takes time to understand the land intimately enough to craft such exceptional blends. Having farmed many of these vineyards for more than 20 years, we can draw out each site's signature fruit character—be it the richness and breadth of our valley floor parcels, the taut density and power of our ridgeline parcels, or the focus and intensity of our coastal parcels.

We're crafting wines that are more complete and complex by building these blends in the field. We farm with precision and intention through every phase of the growing season. We feel that our raw material, the grapes themselves, are at the maximum quality potential a vineyard can offer.



*Scan for Wester Reach
trade tools.*



2017 DUMOL WESTER REACH CHARDONNAY

THE EVOLUTION OF DUMOL RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

This level of quality is a testament to our pedigreed vineyards, precise farming, and sensitive craftsmanship.



The 2017 Wester Reach Chardonnay combines three singular traits: coastal freshness and vibrancy; Russian River Valley natural richness, density and texture; and subtle elements of Burgundian savory/saline reduction. In essence, a blend of three of our single vineyard Chardonnays, it is a wine that drinks at an equivalent quality level to our lower production wines.

From the lowest-yielding vintage in twenty years, there's inherent concentration here, a depth of flavor coming from the vines themselves rather than winemaking artifice. But there's also a firmness and seriousness that offsets this mid-palate weight and extends its citrus-oil-infused finish.

The wine has great lines: focused, driven, mineral-laden and pithy, with a level of cool-climate fruit intensity that is very rare. This level of quality and distinctive character is hard to achieve in a larger-production blended wine, but is a testament to our pedigreed vineyards, precise farming, twenty years' experience, and patient, sensitive craftsmanship.

Drink between 2019 and 2027.

92 POINTS "Terrific notes of citrus and Meyer lemon, and hints of tart pineapple as well a medium-bodied, fresh, focused, incredibly pretty style on the palate. ... It's a great introduction into the wines of this terrific estate."

Jeb Dunnuck, June 14, 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	32% HANSEN HILL, 24% O'CONNELL ESTATE, 20% JENTOFT, 12% CHARLES HEINTZ & 12% LORENZO
CLONES	OLD WENTE SELECTION, HYDE WENTE SELECTION & CLONE 4
VINE AGE	10 - 43 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 ST & 20 TH
BARREL AGING	FERMENTED & AGED 12 MONTHS IN 30% LIGHT/MEDIUM TOAST NEW FRENCH OAK FOLLOWED BY THREE MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK. COMPLETE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	3,541 CASES OF 750ML. SEALED WITH DIAM-10 CORKS FOR PURITY AND FRESHNESS.

2017 DUMOL WESTER REACH PINOT NOIR

THE EVOLUTION OF DUMOL RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Four distinct vineyards come together seamlessly to express the coastal side of the Russian River Valley.



The vineyards that comprise our 2017 Wester Reach Pinot Noir represent our core sites that we have planted, farmed or partnered with for up to twenty-two years—sites of classic pedigree from which our single vineyard Pinots are born. There’s lovely equilibrium to this wine: four distinct vineyards come together seamlessly to express the soils and climate of the western, coastal part of the appellation. Berry and cluster size were very small in 2017 so the wine is high on detail and intensity, and beautifully rides the delicate line between richness and vibrancy.

The wine is dynamic, alive and precise. It begins in a coastal style--sleek, focused and linear. The deep entry expands along strong lines with good drive and detail to its red and black fruit flavors. As it fully opens, natural Russian River textures and volume takes hold – broad, supple and layered. Savory elements steer the wine toward complexity that will continue to build in bottle.

Drink between 2019 and 2029.

92 POINTS “Incredibly aromatic and complex, the 2017 Pinot Noir Wester Reach offers loads of spiced red fruits, incense, wood smoke, and forest floor notes as well as a medium-bodied, fresh, focused, yet still pleasure bent style.

It’s a classic DuMOL Pinot Noir to drink over the coming 5-7 years.”

Jeb Dunnuck, June 14, 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	34% DUMOL ESTATE, 24% UPP ROAD, 22% WIDDOES & 20% OCCIDENTAL ROAD
CLONES	CALERA/SWAN/POMMARD/SELECTIONS, CALERA/SWAN/943 SELECTIONS, MARTINI SELECTION & MASSALE SELECTION
VINE AGE	10 - 33 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED BETWEEN AUGUST 28 TH & SEPTEMBER 8 TH
BARREL AGING	AGED 12 MONTHS IN 40% LIGHT/MEDIUM TOAST NEW FRENCH OAK FOLLOWED BY THREE MONTHS IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	3,542 CASES OF 750ML. SEALED WITH DIAM-10 CORKS FOR PURITY AND FRESHNESS.

2017 DUMOL WILD MOUNTAINSIDE VIOGNIER

FORMERLY LLA VIOGNIER

Our sixteenth vintage of Viognier is probably our finest.



Viognier is a stubborn grape variety to grow and craft without allowing its tendency to heaviness to obscure its potential for beauty and vibrancy. In the vineyard, we restrict the yield quite severely without irrigating the vines and harvest just as the flavors pivot from freshness to overt richness. This combination of power and finesse, volume and viscosity, is quite hard to execute, but this wine pulls it off beautifully. Our sixteenth vintage of Viognier is probably our finest.

A blend of three classic vineyards grown on coastal marine sedimentary soils and steep volcanic hillsides, the wine delivers astonishing aromatic intensity, deeply textured flavors and long-flowing persistency. We can trace the obvious density of the wine back to its vineyard roots: fully mature vines on meager soils, low yields, and tiny thick-skinned grapes.

There is a crystalline purity of aroma: fragrant notes of jasmine and orange blossom, rich apricot and tangerine with sea salt freshness. The palate is buoyant and flowing, an intrinsic viscosity and oiliness with mouthwatering intensity, deep texture, volume and breadth—utterly delicious. We sealed this wine with a Diam cork to retain all its natural vibrancy at the time of bottling.

Drink between summer 2019 and 2021.

94 POINTS “I’d put this up against the top examples of Viognier out there (Condrieu included). ... Despite plenty of classic Viognier richness, it stays vibrant and pure, with good acidity. It’s terrific.”

Jeb Dunnuck, June 14, 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	42% HOPPE KELLY, 38% TIMBERVINE & 20% DUMOL GVR ESTATE VINEYARDS
CLONE	#1
VINE AGE	16–27 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 30 TH & SEPTEMBER 2 ND
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 20% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE THEN 3 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PRODUCTION	248 CASES OF 750ML

2017 DUMOL WILD MOUNTAINSIDE SYRAH

THE EVOLUTION OF DUMOL RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SYRAH

Precise, pure and brimming with nuance.



This is one of our finest Syrahs in recent memory with a level of aroma and flavor complexity that really elevates the wine to the highest level. A blend of three of our classic cool climate mountainside sources, it is a qualitative equal of our designate wines that will be released this fall.

Vine yields in these steep mountainside vineyards were reduced by twenty percent following a week of intense heat around Labor Day; the grapes lost a fifth of their weight making the fruit intense, pure and focused with thrilling concentration. The resulting wine conveys a kaleidoscopic range of aromas and flavors that are precise and brimming with nuance and detail. It's an exciting, delicious and highly delineated wine with an energy that creates a great juxtaposition between delicacy and depth, subtlety and power, elegance and drive.

Black cherry, boysenberry, lavender, violet and green peppercorn are all present in the aroma. There's lovely clarity of flavor and purity of cool climate fruit: cassia and blackberry offset by thyme, tobacco and cocoa nib. A lushness of texture takes over with lingering black fruits and lilac on the peppery, extended finish.

Drink this soon after release or enjoy the reward of 10+ years of aging.

94 POINTS "This rocking effort offers classic cool-climate notes of blue fruits, violets, ground pepper, and game. With medium to full body, beautiful tannins, and a seamless texture, it's going to keep for over a decade."

Jeb Dunnuck, June 14, 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	57% HOPPE-KELLY, 36% TIMBERVINE & 7% GREYWACKE VINEYARDS
CLONE	SYRAH NOIR, ALBAN & DURRELL
VINE AGE	12-27 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 16 TH THROUGH 29 TH
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE.
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PRODUCTION	595 CASES OF 750ML

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THE COASTAL VINEYARDS OF DUMOL

- 1 HOPPE-KELLY
- 2 DUMOL FLAX ESTATE
- 3 TIMBERVINE RANCH
- 4 GREYWACKE
- 5 RITCHIE
- 6 DUMOL GVR ESTATE
- 7 WILDROSE ESTATE
- 8 DUTTON - WIDDOES
- 9 DUTTON - UPP ROAD
- 10 DUTTON - HANSEN HILL
- 11 DUMOL MARSHALL ESTATE
- 12 DUMOL COFFEE LANE ESTATE
- 13 DUMOL KEARNEY ESTATE
- 14 DUMOL O'CONNELL ESTATE
- 15 DUTTON - MORELLI
- 16 CHARLES HEINTZ
- 17 DUTTON - JENTOFT
- 18 JOY ROAD
- 19 OCCIDENTAL ROAD
- 20 LORENZO

SOIL LEGEND

	CLAY
	LOAM
	SAND
	SANDSTONE
	GOLDRIDGE
	ROCKS & GRAVEL



2017 DUMOL RITCHIE VINEYARD CHLOE CHARDONNAY

Forward, generous and broad. Sheer deliciousness is its calling card.



Our seventeenth consecutive bottling from the majestic old vines of Ritchie Vineyard is among the most memorable, as one would expect given the incredible quality of this magical vintage. The wine walks a delicate line between power and finesse, opulence and focus, offering a deep succulence that is typical of this heralded vineyard, farmed with great dedication and pride by the local legend that is Kent Ritchie himself.

It's our most "California-styled" Chardonnay each year: forward, generous and broad. Sheer deliciousness is its calling card. That's not to say it's overblown, however, as the loose-textured, airy, volcanic white pumice stone soils bring great vibrancy and energy to the wine's long, expansive finish.

The wine shows aromas of orange blossom, mixed stone fruits and honeysuckle. Thyme leaf, wet stone and almond paste notes lend complexity. The palate is immediately broad and mouth-filling with tangerine oil and orange sherbet flavors. The wine's center is rich in extract—deep and almost chewy. It finishes with mineral signatures and a lingering citrus zest note.

Ritchie is typically our lowest-acidity Chardonnay each vintage, so it's the designate to open and drink first. While I expect the wine to improve in bottle for 4–6 years, I think its greatest charm is found in its fruit-driven power and density. Drink between late 2019 and 2023.

93–95 POINTS "Super-impressive... Creamy and voluptuous in the glass, with lifted aromatics, the 2017 has so much to offer."

Antonio Galloni, May 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% RITCHIE VINEYARD
CLONE	OLD WENTE
VINE AGE	45 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED AUGUST 31 ST AND SEPTEMBER 2 ND
BARREL AGING	AGED 12 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE DE MERCUREY FOLLOWED BY SIX MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PRODUCTION	724 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 16 BOTTLES OF 3L

2017 DUMOL CHARLES HEINTZ VINEYARD ISOBEL CHARDONNAY

Wonderful natural viscosity and depth.



Given its cool, foggy coastal exposition, Heintz is our final Chardonnay vineyard to harvest each year. The grapes hang on the vine for an extended period, steadily building character and richness while never losing acidity; that's what makes the vineyard so special. The wait can be nail-biting at times, especially if an early Fall storm is approaching, but under the steady hand of Charlie Heintz, a wily old veteran grape farmer, fruit and wine quality are never less than spectacular.

The cool weather during bloom in 2017 gave us a small crop, and grape size was also smaller than usual. Thick skins packed full of aromas and flavor compounds gave us a wine full of concentration, viscosity and natural racy acidity.

Pungent lemon curd, honeycomb and ginger aromas open the wine as lemon verbena and white flower blossom notes add intrigue. The oily glycerol intensity is immediate on the palate with grapefruit, lemongrass and a hint of tropical fruit leading to a round and full mid-palate before saline oyster shell acidity takes hold. The exotic tangy citrus oil finish is mouthwatering and long.

For most vintages of Heintz *Isobel*, I recommend up to a decade of aging, but we should enjoy this wine on the early side for its wonderful natural viscosity and opulence. It would be a shame to wait too long and lose this character to maturity. Drink between late 2019 and 2023.

93–95 POINTS “Beautifully expresses the personality of the vintage in its rich, viscous feel. White flowers, mint, chalk, white pepper and chamomile all grace this vivid, pretty layered Chardonnay.”

Antonio Galloni, May 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	SONOMA COAST
VINEYARD	100% CHARLES HEINTZ VINEYARD
CLONE	#4
VINE AGE	35 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED SEPTEMBER 19 TH AND 20 TH
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ACF FOLLOWED BY FOUR MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	480 CASES OF 750ML

2017 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

One of our greatest ever Chardonnay bottlings.



This level of quality is fleeting and very hard to execute in both the vineyard and winery. It can only be found under the right vintage conditions and with a level of winegrowing sensitivity that strikes an equilibrium between nature and craftsmanship. Bold words, I know, but the proof's in this bottle.

At fourteen years old, these vines have reached full maturity; they're in their prime window of quality production. They have achieved a natural balance between root depth, canopy growth and crop yield—the essentials of pristine grapes. In this bottling, we see as pure a reflection of these upland, highly erodible sandstone soils as I can imagine—a blend of delicacy, power, savory complexity and nervy acidity.

The wine opens with spearmint, melon, lime and flint notes. It's tangy, dynamic and ever-changing, the palate uncompromisingly dry, mineral and chiseled—refined and totally captivating. The wine turns dense and full in the center as it uncoils, revealing oiliness and great viscosity. A firmness to the back end is driven by high natural acidity, strong savory elements and lime zest freshness.

This is a wine to age for two to three years before opening. It will be worth the wait. These lean soils—perfect for our old chardonnay vine selections (no simple monochromatic clones!)—produce a wine of structure, underlying power and taut density. The wine is tactile with a high level of intricacy. Changing each time you return to the glass, it is the definition of power and tension.

93–95 POINTS “Another highlight in this lineup. ... depth and texture”

Antonio Galloni, May 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	SONOMA COAST
VINEYARDS	KEARNEY ESTATE & O'CONNELL ESTATE VINEYARDS
CLONES	MOUNT EDEN & HYDE-WENTE
VINE AGE	13 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED AUGUST 29 TH AND SEPTEMBER 2 ND
BARREL AGING	AGED 12 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE ACF FOLLOWED BY SIX MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	724 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 16 BOTTLES OF 3L

2017 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Exceptional character and balance.



Of all our Pinots, the Estate bottling typically takes the longest to show its true self, an inner depth that requires a bit more time in the cellar. This is the result of the site’s high-density planting—triple the number of vines per acre compared to most Pinot vineyards. Tight row spacing shades the fruit from the hottest summer sun, allowing the grapes to retain the full range of aroma and flavor precursors that are extracted into the wine, maximizing its potential detail, complexity and longevity.

In its youth, the wine is dominated by spicy red fruits and complex savory herbal notes: red currant and underbrush elements. As the wine ages, its inherent dark character begins to evolve and take center stage: black raspberry and dark cherry with woody terroir signatures. In whichever phase of development you catch the wine, it always delivers an elevated site signature, the taste of the place, and that’s the highest calling of any great vineyard.

Gently decant this tightly wound wine. As it opens, aromas of cranberry, black raspberry and black cherry emerge. Oregano leaf and dried thyme add detail. The palate is focused and linear upon entry with good acid tension and obvious deep lurking power. The bright, spicy herbal tones give way to a broad layered texture; there’s lovely horizontal flow here. All elements are wonderfully intertwined with an extended flavor delivery across the entire arc of the palate. This vintage will be very long-lived; fifteen years should be no problem. Open your first bottles in late 2020.

92–95 POINTS “Black cherry, lavender, spice, menthol, licorice and dried herbs”

Antonio Galloni, May 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	KEARNEY ESTATE & O’CONNELL ESTATE VINEYARDS
CLONES	CALERA, SWAN & 943
VINE AGE	13 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED AUGUST 29 TH – 31 ST
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 50% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES ACF, ERMITAGE, CHASSIN & DE MERCUREY.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	695 CASES OF 750ML, 40 CASES OF 1.5L & 36 BOTTLES OF 3L

2017 DUMOL JENTOFT VINEYARD RYAN PINOT NOIR

We've bottled Ryan Pinot Noir from several sites since 2002, and this is the pinnacle of achievement for this wine so far.



When we consider the potential of a piece of land to grow world-class wine, we immerse ourselves in the physical characteristics of soil type, depth, texture and drainage, slope aspect, sun exposure, et cetera—myriad complex details. On site potential alone, Jentoft likely sits at the top of our entire vineyard portfolio.

The site's coastal marine soils are remarkably shallow with underlying sandstone bedrock poking through the topsoil. Lean, "boney" soils generally yield low-vigor vines and powerful wines, and that's what we have here. The potential is incredible, and now that these vines are mature, we're seeing the promise realized.

Our new vintage of Jentoft Vineyard *Ryan* Pinot Noir is highly evocative of this steep hillside site high in the coastal mountains surrounded by the forest. To me, it represents the essence of coastal Russian River Pinot Noir: intensity, vibrancy, deeply pitched fruits with pulsating acidity and an incredible length of flavor.

The wine opens with a sense of tiny dark intense wild berries, tart and explosive, pine needle freshness and hints of cedar amplifying the aromas. The palate is sappy, dark and elevated with Rainier cherry, cassis and huckleberry fruits. There's laser-like intensity to the wine's driving flavors as they expand along the dry, firm palate, exotic floral, gravelly nuances extending the lingering finish. No need to decant. Drink between 2020 and 2027.

94–97 POINTS "A stunner. Sweet, rich and explosive, the 2017 boasts striking inner perfume and fabulous balance. ... exceptionally beautiful Pinot Noir."

Antonio Galloni, May 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% JENTOFT VINEYARD
CLONES	CALERA & SWAN
VINE AGE	10 YEARS
HARVEST DATE	HAND HARVESTED AUGUST 30 TH
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 45% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES REMOND & CHASSIN.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	755 CASES OF 750ML, 32 CASES OF 1.5L L& 24 BOTTLES OF 3L

2017 DUMOL GREYWACKE VINEYARD EDDIE'S PATCH SYRAH

Natural terroir signatures reflect in this beguiling, complex wine.



Our eighteenth vintage of *Eddie's Patch* Syrah is one of the most floral, peppery and succulent that I can remember, most similar, in my mind, to the delicious 2012 bottling. It comes from a blend of neighboring mountainside vineyards that overlook the Russian River where it slowly meanders towards Jenner and the ocean. This is one of the widest and deepest stretches of the river, and it brings dense lingering fog each morning to keep the vines cool and hydrated. These vineyards are planted at 500–700' elevation in rocky volcanic soils, facing east toward the gentle morning sun. It's an incredible place to grow Syrah, and these natural terroir signatures reflect in this beguiling, complex wine.

The wine's aromatics have noteworthy purity and tremendous range. The palate shows that classic lilting element of the world's greatest, most memorable wines, the flavors pushing and evolving each time you return to the glass. It's supple and succulent, with less tannin but greater cool-climate peppery, gamey character than the 2016 bottling. Truly something special.

Deep inky aromas of boysenberry and black cherry meld with crushed stone and cracked black pepper. Red and black wild mountain berries are intense and vibrant while an edge of game and rosemary adds nuance. The silky mouthfeel reveals deep succulence and broad supple tannins, aromatic and finesse-driven through the long, detailed finish. Drink between 2020 and 2030 and gently decant for an hour in its youth.

96 POINTS "More of a Côte Rôtie vibe ... lots of tannins, terrific fruit, and a seamless texture."

Jeb Dunnuck, June 14, 2019

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARDS	50% GREYWACKE VINEYARD & 50% TIMBERVINE VINEYARD
CLONES	ALBAN & DURRELL
VINE AGE	13 & 21 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	HAND HARVESTED SEPTEMBER 16 TH & 29 TH
BARREL AGING	AGED 16 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK HOGSHEADS FROM TONNELLERIE ERMITAGE.
ALCOHOL	14.3%
PRODUCTION	295 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 18 BOTTLES OF 3L

AT OUR HEART

RESPECT FOR THE LAND

We are a “vineyard up” winery with a fully integrated approach to winegrowing and winemaking. We planted our high-density Estate vineyards and have farmed many of California’s most renowned vineyards for more than two decades.

COMMITMENT TO CRAFT

We stick to what works and are focused on the fundamentals. We find inspiration in master, visionary producers around the world as we continually hone our craft—never imitating, ever refining.

We live the wine. This is a project that comes from who we are and what we love. Our small team is involved in every aspect of what we do, from farming our vineyards to shipping our wines.

HERITAGE AND EXPERIENCE

With our winery founded in 1996, we are latter-day pioneers in the Russian River Valley. Our winemaker, viticulturist and partner, Andy Smith, farmed this region for nearly a decade before joining us in 1999, and our associate winemaker, Julie Cooper, has worked with us for more than 15 years.



**“Andy Smith and his team turned out
a brilliant set of wines in 2017.”**

–Antonio Galloni, May 2019

