



## **2017 Pinot Blanc Dutton Ranch 'Shop Block' Russian River Valley**

This is our third release of Pinot Blanc and has become a customer and staff favorite from our portfolio. We once again were able to secure a few tons of the Pinot Blanc grapes from the Dutton family and one of their oldest properties, their famed Shop Block Vineyard. They name this vineyard after their shop where all their viticulture office and equipment is situated.... Hence the 'Shop'. This sustainable and dry-farmed vineyard has cool coastal air and moderate daytime temperatures which highlights the brightness of this European styled wine.

The color is a pale yellow with hints of gold and it shimmers in the glass. Due to the heat spikes during harvest the wine has a bit more creaminess in the initial mouthfeel with good lingering acidity on the mid palate to finish. The bouquet offers up exotic aromas of nectarine, lemon zest and Asian pear. The taste is dry yet fruity with flavors of white nectarine, green apple, lemon custard and a backing hint of spice. If you don't like Chardonnay then this is what you should be drinking!

The grapes were harvested on September 11 and immediately destemmed and sorted. The grapes were then gently pressed and raked into a stainless steel tank for fermentation. After primary fermentation completed it was raked into 4 – 60 gallon stainless steel barrels and 1 – 25 gallon stainless barrel for a partial malolactic fermentation. It then aged an additional 6 months then gently bottled. Due to the entire fermentation and ageing in stainless steel the wine is crisp and vibrant with a mouthwatering flavor.

Vintage	2017
Wine Type	White
Varietal	100% Pinot Blanc
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Alcohol	14.0%
Cases	105
Barrel Aging	0 in wood 6 months Stainless
Barrels	Stainless Steel

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