



# DUMOL

*“From first pruning through to the day of harvest, we’re out there farming the land in a way that draws out the singularity of each parcel. We minimize our footprint in the vineyard, stay very close to the ‘ingredients,’ and let the vineyards speak for themselves.”—Andy Smith, Winemaker & Partner*

Since their first harvest in 1996, DuMOL has strategically assembled a portfolio of 28 vineyard sites — some of which they have farmed for more than two decades. Each site is specifically and precisely farmed in an attempt to reveal its “site signature,” the vineyard’s defining characteristics as expressed in its fruit. DuMOL’s viticulture emphasizes soil and vine health through minimal external inputs. Hand work in the field is extensive.

DuMOL farms seven unique Estate parcels of 10 acres or less — and collaborates closely with the growers of their other 21 vineyard parcels, some of which are farmed exclusively for DuMOL. Andy Smith explains: “Our growers know we have their best interests in heart. We are very collaborative with them — with some we’ve even planted the vines. We work together, from pruning through to the day of harvest.” While the Green Valley district of the Russian River Valley is their core, they have expanded their range to include select blocks in the Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, Moon Mountain, and the Napa Valley.

DuMOL’s vineyard partners include some of the most renowned in Californian viticulture. For their Chardonnay, they farm prized old vine sites such as Hyde, Heintz, Ritchie and Lorenzo. To craft their Pinot Noir, they focus on the cool Green Valley and Sonoma Coast areas of Western Sonoma County where ridgetop soils, eastern exposures and fog-influences yield grapes that are highly nuanced and concentrated. DuMOL’s Syrah and Viognier hail from rugged coastal mountainside vineyards of far west Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast while their Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in select parcels in Sonoma’s Moon Mountain District and Napa Valley’s Spring Mountain, Oakville and Coombsville appellations.

“It’s important to have a strong sense of vision for how you want the wine to communicate. It’s very hard to learn or to quantify. You have to find it within yourself and develop a sense of intuitive winegrowing. With experience you learn how to build that roadmap from grape to bottle.”

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