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REFLECTIONS ON THE 2021 VINTAGE

Our team is proud to introduce the 2021 vintage of our appellation blends and vineyard designate wines. As we reflect on our 25+ vintages of farming and crafting Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the cool-climate Russian River Valley, we consider this one of the finest winegrowing seasons yet.

Thank you for your key role in bringing DuMOL to market. We are grateful for your partnership, drive and passion for exceptional wines.



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Cover Photo: Fog settles over our high-density DuMOL Kearney Estate Vineyard planted in classic Goldridge soil.

## REFLECTIONS ON OUR 2021 VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 is one for the ages and—without exaggeration—I consider it a personal winegrowing highlight with several career-defining wines. Fighting talk I know, but if we consider (and drink!) the entire set of wines we crafted and will offer throughout the year, it's hard to argue this isn't our finest vintage ever. I might have said this previously of the 2018s, but these wines surpass even that famous vintage. We have a strong sense of achievement and no small measure of pride with this set...

The vineyard and seasonal conditions that produced this excellence: a dry season where the vines had to work hard but never quite reached peak stress; small, loose bunches with tiny, thick-skinned berries; a mild July and August, when quality can be won or lost; a moderately-paced harvest which allowed us to pick each specific block according to our vision without the external pressure and stress of heatwaves; and finally, a great team of motivated, cohesive vineyardists and winemakers. When we have grapes this pristine, the winemaking can be uncomplicated, without recipe or overt technical intervention, and each vineyard can speak with clarity and focus.

From the bottle they are wines of aromatic detail and lift, liting fruit purity and succulence, building volume and generous texture, each with a resonating echo of complexity as they linger long on the palate and in the memory.

My notes are from January 2023. Please enjoy the wines and let us know your individual interpretations of each one.



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WINEMAKER, VITICULTURIST & PARTNER



WESTER REACH:  
OUR MULTI-VINEYARD SUPER CUVÉES

Our Wester Reach wines are grown in the extreme southwestern part of the Russian River Valley where we have specialized for over two decades. Approaching farming and winemaking as a seamless continuum, we select fruit from a spectrum of our most distinctive vineyards. Careful blending of complementary sites results in a wine that is complete and complex, ready to drink on release. These wines are the perfect introduction to the DuMOL portfolio.





**Impressions**

Our 2021 vintage of Wester Reach Chardonnay is a multi-layered interpretation of this classic region where we live and farm. It includes some of the greatest sites in the appellation—vineyards that we have planted, farmed, and harvested for over twenty years. Comprising three of our region’s unique sub-districts, the wine blends fruit from the valley itself with vineyards further west, stretching out to the coolest ‘reaches’ of the appellation’s high elevation coastal ridges. Each district contributes something unique, be it valley-floor richness, ridgeline density or coastal vibrancy.

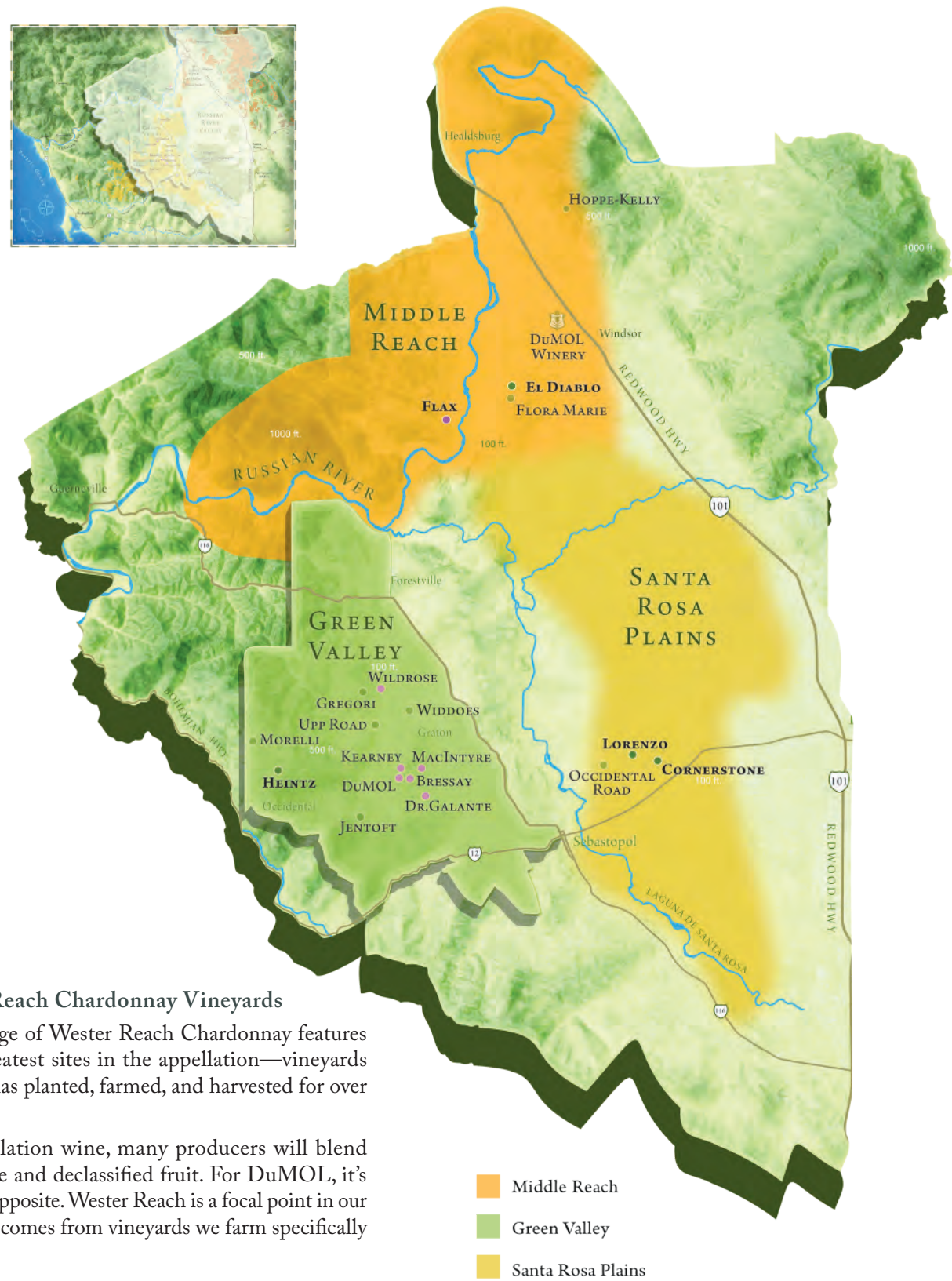
From the Middle Reach in the north, the broad orchard fruit generosity of our Flax Estate centers the wine. Directly across the river, El Diablo’s volcanic hillside emphasizes texture and density. On the Santa Rosa plain, we layer in the old vines at the iconic Lorenzo Vineyard with their trademark savory grapefruit intensity, and Cornerstone with its piercing acidity and honeyed richness. As we leave the valley itself and inch towards the coast at higher elevation on a ridgetop overlooking the Green Valley, the majestic Heintz Ranch completes the wine with its sweet botanical and truffle-infused complexity and savory/mineral drive.

Great aromatic intensity—citrus and nectarine fruits, jasmine and orange blossom, briny/flinty sea spray edges. The flavors center upon lemony green apple then deeper stone fruits with honeysuckle and ginger richness. The wine’s texture is deep, oily, and layered. Fresh mineral, grapefruit acidity cuts through the richness giving a pinpoint focus to the wine’s long echoing finish. Drink between 2023 and 2027.

**94 POINTS** “A structured and layered white with apple, light honey and acacia aromas and flavors. Medium to full body. Creamy mouthfeel...Flavorful yet subtle finish. Touch of flint and cedar.” -*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

**Vineyard & Winemaking Details**

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	38% FLAX ESTATE, 22% HEINTZ, 18% CORNERSTONE, 14% LORENZO & 8% EL DIABLO
CLONE	OLD WENTE, #4 & ROBERT YOUNG
VINE AGE	8-48 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 28
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES REMOND, CHASSIN & ATELIER CENTRE FRANCE FOLLOWED BY 4 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	3,500 CASES OF 750ML



**2021 Wester Reach Chardonnay Vineyards**

Our 2021 vintage of Wester Reach Chardonnay features some of the greatest sites in the appellation—vineyards that DuMOL has planted, farmed, and harvested for over twenty years.

For their appellation wine, many producers will blend the pressed wine and declassified fruit. For DuMOL, it’s completely the opposite. Wester Reach is a focal point in our portfolio, and it comes from vineyards we farm specifically for this wine.

- Middle Reach
- Green Valley
- Santa Rosa Plains



Scan for Wester Reach Chardonnay trade tools.



**Impressions**

Our 2021 vintage of Wester Reach Pinot Noir is a multi-layered interpretation of this classic region where we live and farm. It includes some of the greatest sites in the appellation—vineyards that we have planted, farmed, and harvested for over twenty years. Comprising three of our region’s unique sub-districts, the wine blends fruit from the valley itself with vineyards further west, stretching out to the coolest ‘reaches’ of the appellation’s high elevation coastal ridges. Each district contributes something unique, be it valley-floor texture and volume, ridgeline fruit intensity or bright coastal acidity.

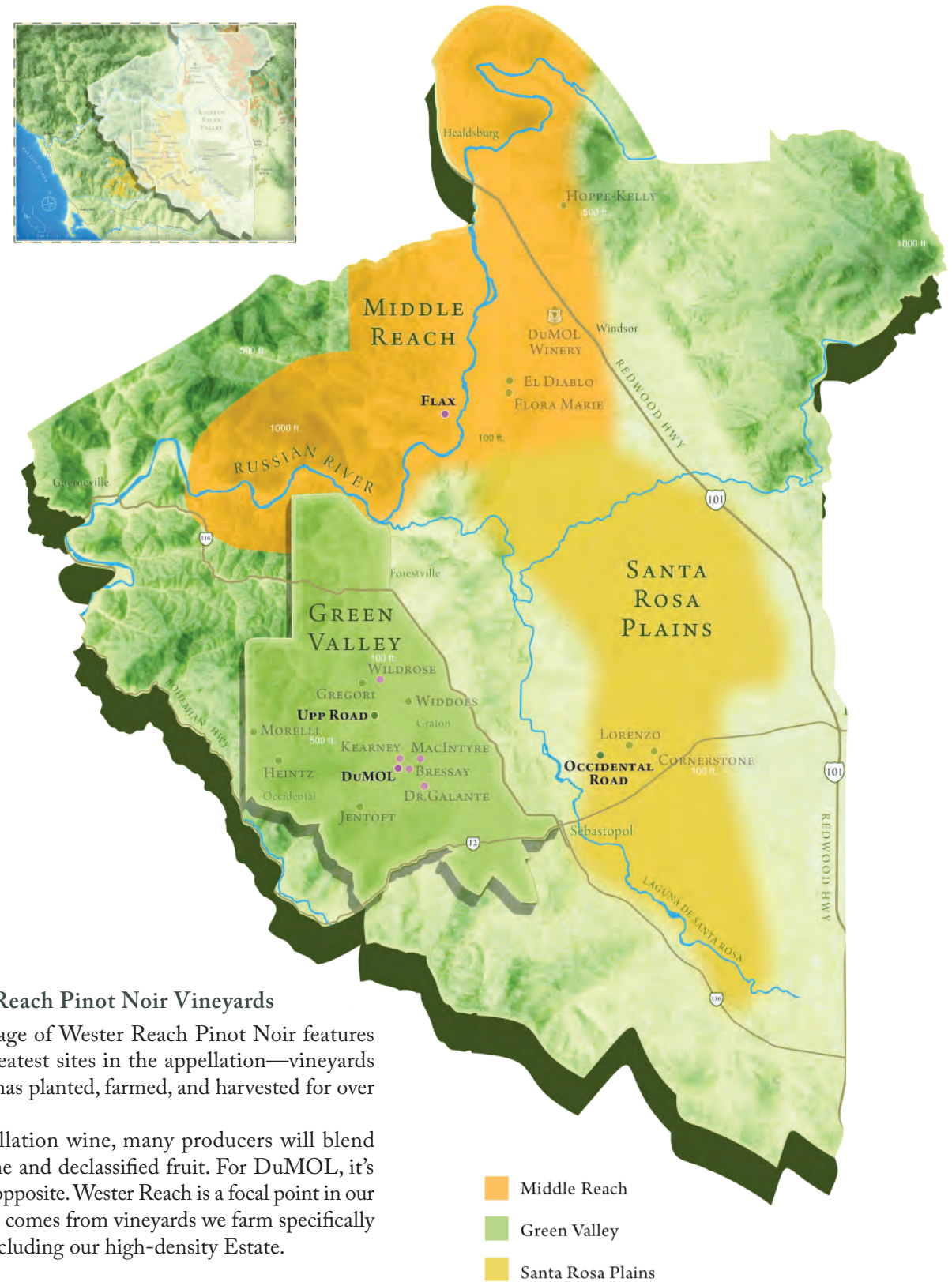
The wine’s broad base is centered upon our coastal DuMOL Estate with dark fruit intensity, savory spice, and bright vibrancy. At higher elevation on a ridgetop overlooking the Green Valley, Upp Road offers soaring red and black fruit characters of beautiful purity. On the deeper clays of the Santa Rosa Plains, Occidental Road provides broad fruit extract and textural richness. Flax Estate overlooking the river in the Middle Reach weaves in volume, structure, and density from hillside volcanic soils.

Classic coastal Russian River aromas and flavors: crisp red apple skin, bright red cherry, deep wild berry, hibiscus, pepper, fresh mint, and a complex woody note. There’s wonderful purity and succulence to the core of red and black fruits which are supported by balanced black tea tannins and bright vibrant acidity. The wine finishes sleek and focused with liveliness and lingering aromatic lift. Drink between 2023 and 2029.

**95 POINTS** “...dark fruits of blackberry and cherry. Ripe strawberry. Hints of toasted oak and smoke. It’s full and layered with very firm and polished tannins... and shows the structure of the vintage.” -*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

**Vineyard & Winemaking Details**

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	38% DUMOL ESTATE, 24% OCCIDENTAL RD, 20% UPP RD & 18% FLAX ESTATE
CLONE	CALERA, SWAN, POMMARD & DIJON
VINE AGE	14-18 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 25-31
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 30% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES ERMITAGE & REMOND
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	3,000 CASES OF 750ML



**2021 Wester Reach Pinot Noir Vineyards**

Our 2021 vintage of Wester Reach Pinot Noir features some of the greatest sites in the appellation—vineyards that DuMOL has planted, farmed, and harvested for over twenty years.

For their appellation wine, many producers will blend the pressed wine and declassified fruit. For DuMOL, it’s completely the opposite. Wester Reach is a focal point in our portfolio, and it comes from vineyards we farm specifically for this wine including our high-density Estate.

- Middle Reach
- Green Valley
- Santa Rosa Plains



Scan for Wester Reach Pinot Noir trade tools.

# VINEYARDS of DuMOL



## CHARDONNAY

Bressay Estate	2005*
Cornerstone	2012
Dutton-Jentoft	2007
Dutton-Morelli	1995
El Diablo	2008
Flax Estate	2014
Flora Marie	2015
Heintz	1982
Hudson	2015
Hyde	1992
Kearney Estate	2005
Lorenzo	1974

## PINOT NOIR

Annapolis	2018
Bressay Estate	2005
DuMOL Estate	2004
Dr. Galante Estate	1998
Dutton-Jentoft	2007
Dutton-Upp Road	2010
Dutton-Widdoes	1984
Flax Estate	1998
MacIntyre Estate	2016
Occidental Road	1990
Wildrose Estate	2000

## SYRAH

Dutton-Gregori	2000
Hoppe-Kelly	1996

## MENCÍA

MacIntyre Estate	2016
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## CHENIN BLANC

MacIntyre Estate	2016
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\*Planting date

## SOIL TYPES

SONOMA SOILS	
	Goldridge Fine Sandy Loam
	Felta Very Gravelly Loam
	Wright Loam
	Yolo Sandy Loam
	Suther Loam
NAPA SOILS	
	Haire Clay Loam
	Haire Loam

- DuMOL Estate Vineyards
- Grower-Partner Vineyards
- Highways
- AVA Boundaries (American Viticultural Areas)

## 2021 CHLOE CHARDONNAY

*Immediately expressive with power, breadth and chewy depth, yet bristles with energy and freshness. Open this Chardonnay first for its early pleasure, while waiting for the sharper coastal wines to find their pace.*



### Impressions

Our 2021 *Chloe* Chardonnay continues the theme started in 2019—a focus upon central Russian River Valley vineyards grown on lean red gravelly soils on the east bank of the Russian River itself. These neighboring sites—Flora Marie & El Diablo—naturally produce rich broad wines with power and concentration. It’s important to harvest them quite early before the character becomes too exotic. We underpin this richness with a high acidity citrus-driven block from our coastal Bressay Estate which adds length and precision to the final blend. The combination is immediately expressive with power, breadth and chewy depth, yet bristles with energy and freshness. This is the designate Chardonnay to open first for its early pleasure, while waiting for the sharper coastal wines to find their pace.

Aromas of tangerine, orange and honey are offset with flint, mint and oyster shell notes. The wine is deep, intense, long and focused with great volume. Layered flavors akin to peach, nectarine and candied ginger build through the palate. There’s an oily texture that’s cut by vibrant acidity and the finish lingers with fine detail and enveloping power. Serve at no cooler than 53°F and drink between late-2023 and 2030.

94  
POINTS

“The purity of fruit strikes you here with sliced apple, pineapple, and some peach. Medium to full body. Pointed finish. Some flint and steel undertones. Goes tight at the end. Tensioned.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	40% FLORA MARIE, 30% EL DIABLO & 30% BRESSAY ESTATE
CLONE	MONTRACHET & HYDE-WENTE
VINE AGE	7, 14 & 17 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 25, 27 & SEPTEMBER 4
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 35% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE DAMY FOLLOWED BY 6 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	1,230 CASES OF 750ML

## 2021 HYDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*Our latest Hyde bottling rivals the greatest wines we’ve produced from this vineyard over the last twenty vintages. The wine is immediately steely and mineral yet dense and chewy with obvious extract and power.*



### Impressions

Our latest Hyde bottling rivals the greatest wines we’ve produced from this vineyard over the last twenty vintages. I rank it alongside 2015 and 2020 as the finest trio. In a normal season we’ll produce thirty barrels from this east-facing hillside parcel. This 2021 bottling is so concentrated and complex as the vines gave us a mere seventeen barrels for this dry vintage. Sometimes “less is more” and the outstanding quality the wine offers, more than compensates for the small volume. When we have exaggeratedly small yields in any vineyard, it’s important to harvest quite early before the grapes lose freshness and detail—and so this vintage balances moderate alcohol with beautifully mature flavors and fine structure. The winemaking team is extremely proud of this—our twentieth vintage of Hyde Vineyard Chardonnay.

Aromas of perfectly ripe orchard fruits, flint, thyme and fragrant fennel tops. The wine is immediately steely and mineral yet dense and chewy with obvious extract and power. The flavors akin to peach and citrus are clean, precise and beautifully proportioned. As the wine airs it becomes deep and expansive, building through the palate, before it’s cut by a sharp line of grapefruit acidity and chalky freshness. World class Chardonnay for grown-ups. Serve at no cooler than 53°F and drink between late-2023 and 2032.

96  
POINTS

“This is very structured for Hyde with a chewiness and depth that really impresses...solid phenolic backbone with bright fruit and apple and peach skin and some flinty undertones.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	CARNEROS - NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% HYDE VINEYARD
CLONE	OLD WENTE
VINE AGE	32 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 31
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 35% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIE CHASSIN & PUNCHEONS FROM FASSBINDERI SCHNECKENLEITNER FOLLOWED BY 6 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PRODUCTION	430 CASES OF 750ML

## 2021 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

*One of the highlights in this greatest of vintages...It's now clear that with vine maturity, this singular bottling has evolved from a wine fueled by fruit into one expressive of place—of terroir.*



### Impressions

This is our twelfth Estate Chardonnay bottling from our small 2-acre Kearney parcel, and it's now clear that with vine maturity, this singular bottling has evolved from a wine fueled by fruit into one expressive of place—of terroir. Classic wines of place should convey the same character each vintage. Yes, there will be variations in the depth of fruit, level of concentration, amount of acidity, etc. but these are transitory vintage-determined distinctions. The essential core character of the wine—its soul if you will—will clearly identify this place each year and cannot be replicated elsewhere. And so, our 2021 bottling is a carbon copy of both 2018 and 2020 in build, length and texture. One of the highlights in this greatest of vintages. The place has become the story.

Classic aromas of aniseed, sage and spearmint mix with green apple and lime fruits. White flower notes appear as the wine airs. The palate is deeply intense—so typical for this wine—with flavors akin to citrus oil, apricot and lemongrass. There's volume and viscosity that resonates throughout the wine—deep, expansive and chewy. Fine chalky mineral acidity offsets this richness lifting and extending the wine's long snappy clean finish. Drink between late-2023 and 2032. Decant for an hour in its youth and serve no cooler than 53°F.

97  
POINTS

“This is so structured with high tannins and high acidity. Full and powerful. Super phenolics and length. Light salted caramel. Ripe green apples and pineapple...One for the cellar.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	SONOMA COAST
VINEYARD	100% DUMOL KEARNEY ESTATE VINEYARD
CLONE	MT EDEN
VINE AGE	17 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 3
BARREL AGING	AGED 11 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM ATELIER CENTRE FRANCE & PUNCHEONS FROM FASSBINDERI SCHNECKENLEITNER FOLLOWED BY 6 MONTHS SETTLING IN TANK.
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	730 CASES OF 750MLS

## 2021 DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

*A wine of pure expression, deeply connected to the vines at our original DuMOL Estate Vineyard, dynamic and vibrant with depth and elegance in equal measure. Terroir signatures abound.*



### Impressions

Our original DuMOL Estate Vineyard consists of eight separate blocks spanning its nine acres. Of these blocks we've identified superior quality from three specific parcels. The first two feature sandy/silty soils and face east. Here we find lifted aromatics, lovely fruit purity and taut acidity. The third parcel has less sand and more clay and has a slight western tilt. The wine here is more muscular, darker fruited with more tannin. One of the core tenets of *terroir* winegrowing is establishing consistency in vine selection from year to year and identifying unique sub-plots that have something specific, intriguing and high quality to express. And that's exactly what we have here – a wine of pure expression, deeply connected to the vines themselves, dynamic and vibrant with depth and elegance in equal measure. *Terroir* signatures abound. Clearly, as one would expect, one of the wines of the vintage.

Soaring aromatic complexity: dark berry fruits, hibiscus, minerals and herbal/floral notes. The wine is youthful but quite approachable with flavors akin to blackberry, cassis and classic black cherry. The palate expands into richness and texture supported by supple tannin and vibrant acidity. With air the wine turns to red fruits and herbal/woody characters and the wine's drawn-out length takes hold. Drink between mid-2024 and 2033.

95  
POINTS

“A full-bodied pinot noir with lots of fruit and density. It's chewy and tannic but there's a hand-crafted polish, too. Muscular and flexed...Flavorful finish.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	100% DUMOL ESTATE VINEYARD
CLONE	CALERA, SWAN & D943
VINE AGE	18 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 20, 24 & 25
BARREL AGING	15 MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES MERCUREY, CHASSIN & ATELIER CENTRE FRANCE
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	998 CASES OF 750ML, 24 CASES OF 1.5L & 30 BOTTLES OF 3L



## 2021 RYAN PINOT NOIR

*This new vintage takes me back to our earlier DuMOL days. The aromatics highlight the essence of our coastal Green Valley environment: wild berries, thyme, spearmint, truffle and freshly tilled soil.*



### Impressions

Our first vintage of *Ryan* Pinot Noir was 2002 and it featured Dutton-Widdoes Vineyard at its core. This vineyard is one of the earliest plantings in Green Valley – 1984. At that time the vineyards were wide spaced, planted without irrigation and grown on a trellis that shaded the fruit. Now, all these years later we have hardy, experienced vines that have pretty much seen everything, and in these days of climatic extremes, these deep-rooted vines can tolerate drought and heat without issue. The fruit is uniquely characterful—wild berries, rich umami/truffle notes, underbrushy/woody complexity. When we layer in some bright coastal Jentoft fruit, the blend comes alive and infuses every corner of your palate. I've always loved that first 2002 *Ryan* bottling and this new vintage takes me back to our earlier DuMOL days. A wine for reflection.

The aromatics highlight the essence of our coastal Green Valley environment: wild berries, thyme, spearmint, truffle and freshly tilled soil. The wine is poised, vibrant and dynamic with a dark fruit pastille core then cherry, licorice, and briary notes. Concentrated and deep but always bright and quite tight knit with drawn out length and fresh focusing acidity on a spicy finish. Drink between late-2023 and 2032.

95  
POINTS

“Plenty of spice on the nose with cloves, white pepper and nutmeg, but then it changes to hibiscus, raspberry and freshly cut white-topped strawberries. Medium body. Tangy at the end.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	54% DUTTON-WIDDOES & 46% DUTTON-JENTOFT
CLONE	MARTINI, SWAN & CALERA
VINE AGE	37 & 15 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	SEPTEMBER 2 & 9
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 33% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES REMOND & MILLARD
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	1,174 CASES OF 750ML, 16 CASES OF 1.5L & 18 BOTTLES OF 3L

## 2021 FINN PINOT NOIR

*In the greatest of vintages, our Finn bottling naturally rises to the top...the wine shows the dual sides of local Pinot Noir: bright and effusive balancing and offsetting deep and expansive.*



### Impressions

As you would expect, in the greatest of vintages, our *Finn* bottling naturally rises to the top. It's a wine that will be lovely this winter but even better in five years, then at its apogee in eight to ten. Just as the wine expresses these vineyards' two distinct soil types: silty/sandy and clay/loam, so too the wine shows the dual sides of local Pinot Noir: bright and effusive balancing and offsetting deep and expansive. It's most similar in style and quality to 2018 and 2014, our two finest prior efforts. This is one of those wines that we don't need to dissect or over-analyze, let's just enjoy it for the sheer quality and pleasure it offers.

A wine with beautifully drawn out and expansive aromas and flavors, layered and fine. The aromas are striking, ethereal and complex: dark raspberry, dark cherry, violet and lavender. The red and black fruit flavors are intense and pure with delicacy despite their depth and concentration. Perfectly layered tannins are beautifully integrated with the wine's fine natural acidity creating a liting effect. The wine becomes leaner, longer and more mineral with air ensuring long aging potential. Drink between late-2023 and 2032.

97  
POINTS

“A compressed and structured pinot with so much tannin backbone yet refined and polished. Steely and chewy. Blue fruits with strawberries. Very aromatic. Full-bodied, tight and racy.”—*James Suckling*, March 21, 2023

### Vineyard & Winemaking Details

APPELLATION	RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
VINEYARD	58% BRESSAY ESTATE & 42% OCCIDENTAL ROAD
CLONE	CALERA & MASS SELECTION
VINE AGE	15 & 31 YEARS
HARVEST DATES	AUGUST 28
BARREL AGING	AGED 15 MONTHS IN 38% NEW FRENCH OAK BARRELS FROM TONNELLERIES MERCUREY, CHASSIN & ATELIER CENTRE FRANCE
ALCOHOL	14.1%
PRODUCTION	610 CASES OF 750ML, 24 CASES OF 1.5L & 30 BOTTLES OF 3L



*Photo:* Our hillside Flax Estate Vineyard features red volcanic soils and produces rich, deep wines representative of this famous location overlooking the Russian River itself.

Founded in 1996, DuMOL is dedicated to crafting highly nuanced, vineyard-focused Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from distinctive sites in the cool-climate Russian River Valley. Our longtime team remains dedicated to farming our unique vineyards with a sensitive touch, and we are deeply appreciative of the connection forged with you over this time.



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*“Winemaker/Co-owner Andy Smith and Associate Winemaker Jenna Davis presented a breathtaking range of 2021s. I was blown away by the wines I tasted from DuMOL this year. Two thousand twenty-one is one of the greatest vintages I have tasted here...the Chardonnays are incredibly pure and brilliant. It's much the same in the Pinots, a stunning collection of wines...”*

—ANTONIO GALLONI, VINOUS, JANUARY 2023

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