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2016 Starling's Roost Chardonnay
Morelli Lane Vineyard, Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley

Convergence :

Each year Starling sparrows come by the hundreds to roost in the ancient oaks found at the crossing of Morelli Lane and a view to the Pacific. It is a primordial vineyard location showered in a vocal swarm of dancing birds, set upon million-year-old sediments, blanketed in cold air, and pierced by continual sun exposure.

Ideal conditions for inducing perfection in the glass.

Proprietor & Winemaker : Kirk P. Venge

: Winemaker's Insight :

A broad and bold approach, this wine has a golden straw presence in the glass with a bouquet of raw honey, marmalade, fresh citrus zest, toasted pine nuts, rocky flints, all spice, toasted oak and lushness on the nose that is ever so inviting. Island ripe pineapple, apple, stone fruit, and crisp pear fill the mouth. The balance of fresh and savory draws you in for another taste. Anticipated maturity window: 2018 to 2024.

: Vineyard Technicals :

Morelli Lane Vineyard, Dutton Ranch | Elevation : 777.02 ft | Slope : 3.8%

Aspect : Southeast | Degree Days : 2669 | Region : Russian River Valley

Sub-Appellation : Green Valley | Continuity : 30.56 Acres | Soils : Goldridge, Sandy Loam | Grower : Steve Dutton, Dutton Ranch Viticulture

: Harvest & Cellar Technicals :

Harvest Date : September 14, 2016 | Tonnage : 3.08 | Post Sorting Yield : 2.63 Tons

Fermentation : Whole Cluster Press | Barrel Fermented : 50% New, 50% Used

Malolactic Fermentation : 100% | Aged Sur Lie : 3 Months | Ageing : 15 Months

Fining : Rack and Return | Bottling : Unfiltered | Bottle Ageing : 5 Months

Suggested Retail: \$75 per 750ml

150 Cases Produced