

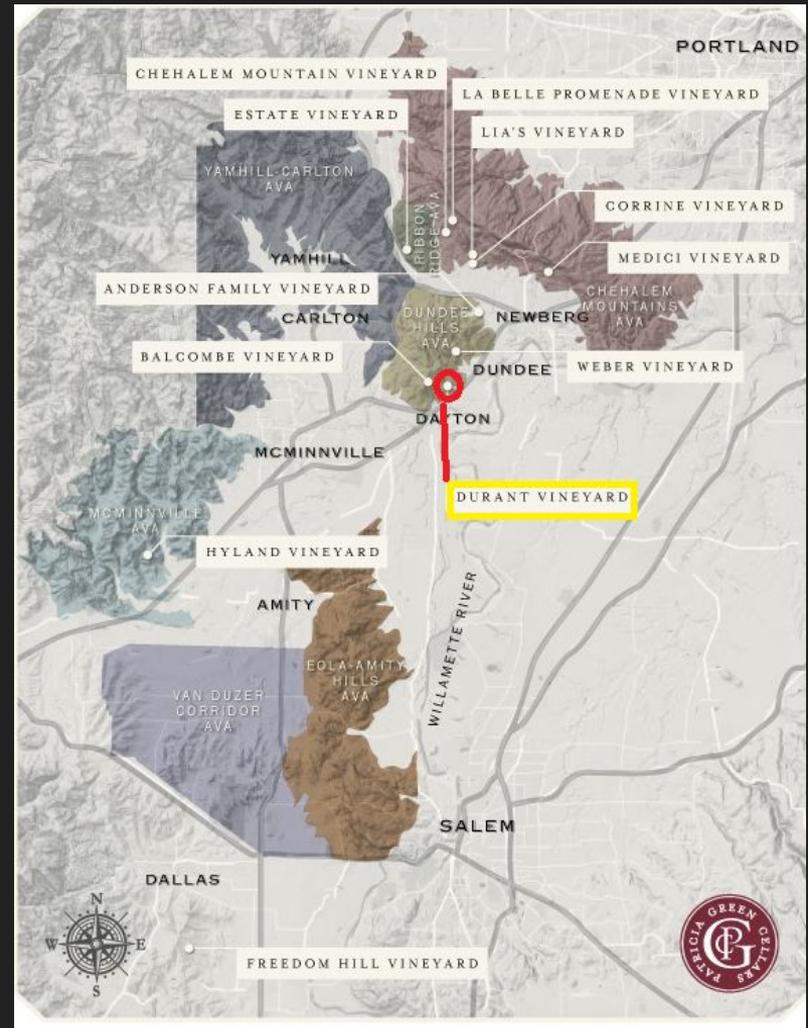


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- Planted ongoing from 1973 by Ken & Penny Durant (now farmed by their son Paul)
- Durants produce their own wines as well as sell fruit
- Volcanic soils(15mya)
- 3 different wines
  - Durant Vineyard, Bishop Block - 1973 planting of Pommard (since 2010)
    - Structured, subtle, nuanced, built for the cellar
  - Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block - 2000 planting of Dijon 115 (since 2012)
    - Juicy and fruity, velvety texture, “cellar defender”
  - Durant Vineyard Chardonnay - Dijon 95 & Dijon 76\* (since 2015)
    - (Dijon 76 is actually planted on marine sedimentary soil at the lowest elevation)

Durant Vineyard relative to the other vineyards from who we currently purchase fruit



# 2018 Durant Vineyard, Chardonnay

SOIL TYPE: Jory (volcanic)

YEAR PLANTED: 1995 & 2000

CLONES: Dijon 95 & 76

VINIFICATION: fermented in concrete and barreled down in mostly neutral French oak barrels

The fermentation in concrete is a huge key to this wine's texture and the manner in which it presents the flavors. The concrete tanks produce a more even and cooler type of ferment allowing the fruit to be drawn out of the grapes slowly. Also since the wood is not involved until elevage begins there is less of an oak character both in the flavor and the texture of the wine. Therefore this wine has incredible brightness of fruit and acid as well as a crystalline sort of character that gives it focus, sharpness and length.

\*94 Points, Wine Enthusiast Editors' Choice

# 2018 Durant Vineyard, Madrone Block

SOIL TYPE: Wellsdale (marine sedimentary)

YEAR PLANTED: 1984 & 1997

CLONAL MATERIAL: Pommard, Wadensvil

VINIFICATION: enti

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PICKING DATE: various dates in late September TONS/ACRE: 2.65

As the Estate vines tap their roots deep into the soft sub-soil they eventually make contact with the mineralized water on the property. This brings a whole new element to the flavor and texture profile of the wine. This wine is one of the few truly older vine bottlings that exists from Ribbon Ridge. Older vineyards here, have the capacity to translate the mineral laden nature of our water and soil into the refined, focused nature of the fruit. This AVA is a special place and makes some of the most interesting, dramatic and amazing as some of our bottlings, and this is one of them.

\*93 Points, Wine Enthusiast & Wine Spectator