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DuMOL Winery | Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

While the ownership of the Russian River Valley's DuMOL Winery has changed, certain aspects of the highly celebrated winery remain. Founder Kerry Murphy sold his interest in DuMOL five years ago and sadly, passed away just two weeks ago. Today, the winery is in the hands of long time DuMOL winemaker Andy Smith, who has stayed the course and become one of the co-owners of the winery.

Smith, a youngish 52, is a native of Scotland who first started with DuMOL Winery at the end of 1998 when the entity was only a few years old. He brought with him a graduate diploma in viticulture and enology from Lincoln University in New Zealand, along with years of experience with wineries like Dry River (New Zealand) and Yalumba (Barossa Valley, Australia), and in California with Littorai Wines and Paul Hobbs Winery.

Historically, DuMOL Winery started on the smallish side, releasing only 300 cases back in 1996. This figure has grown steadily over the past two decades-plus to around 15,000 cases, but Andy Smith feels there is still a little room for expansion in the future. "We have been planting vineyards since I joined the DuMOL family with the last plantings as recent as 2015. When that fruit becomes usable in the near future, I can see us producing around 18,000 cases. We still consider ourselves a boutique winery, but that level would most certainly be our optimum comfort level."

During his time as winemaker, DuMOL Winery had continued to earn an incredible number of high scores and awards in competitions and wine industry periodicals. The Sonoma County operation has reached the highest plateaus obtainable for its numerous portfolio of wines.

No less than 28 different parcels of vineyards located across Sonoma County and Napa Valley make up the relatively small operation. A third of the vineyards DuMOL owns and farms, another third they managed but don't own, and the final third they buy from growers that adhere to DuMOL Winery's strict set of standards in developing fruit intensity. The combination has proven to be a winning one and DuMOL Winery has continued to produce extraordinary wines that include a high number of vineyard-designated wines.

"It is not our intention to be the biggest, but possibly the best," commented Andy Smith. "The truth is, we do it for the love of the business. We believe in the craft aspect of winemaking and correct vineyard management. The combination makes everything seem real and meaningful and that's what it's all about in the end."

Smith also recalled an early visit to California that cemented his desire to become a working part of the California wine scene. "It was in the early 1990's," he declared. "Everything I saw was incredibly beautiful and the wines that were being produced were marvelous. I knew then I would one day be a part of all this and I'm sure I made the right decision almost thirty years ago."

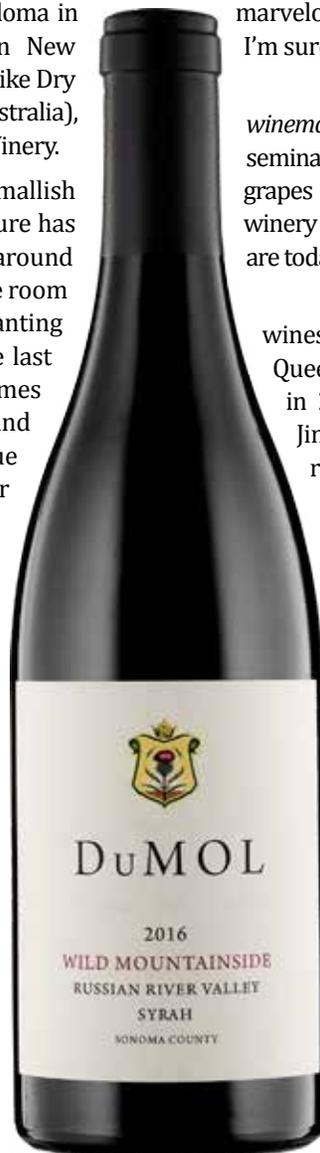
The most significant happenings during his tenure as winemaker and now co-owner? "Well," he began, "the most seminal moments would have to include planting our first estate grapes back in 2004 and then opening our state-of-the-art winery back in 2007. Both of those factors have shaped what we are today and the quality of wines we are able to produce."

"Then, I would have to say that settings where our wines have been served would come next. DuMOL wines for Queen Elizabeth's visit were first served at the White House in 2007 and also at a dinner for China's President, Xi Jinping in 2015 under President Barack Obama. For the record, our DuMOL Winery selections were served numerous times during the Obama Presidency."

As far as awards and scores are concerned, Smith proudly singled out a recent score he achieved. "It was our first award of 100 Points for one of our Pinot Noirs, and our entire family had a hand in celebrating the fact. Not many wineries achieve a 100 score and we took the honor quite seriously. We consider it something to build on and perhaps achieve again in the future."

The future seems quite rosy for Andy Smith and the folks at DuMOL Winery. They are content with their production level and remain intent on producing the best possible wines from the vineyards they control. Not many California wineries are in that relaxed posture for either the present or for the future.

We are delighted to reintroduce DuMOL Winery to our Platinum members. Please enjoy this wine to its fullest. Cheers!



DuMOL | 2016 'Wild Mountainside' Syrah, Russian River Valley



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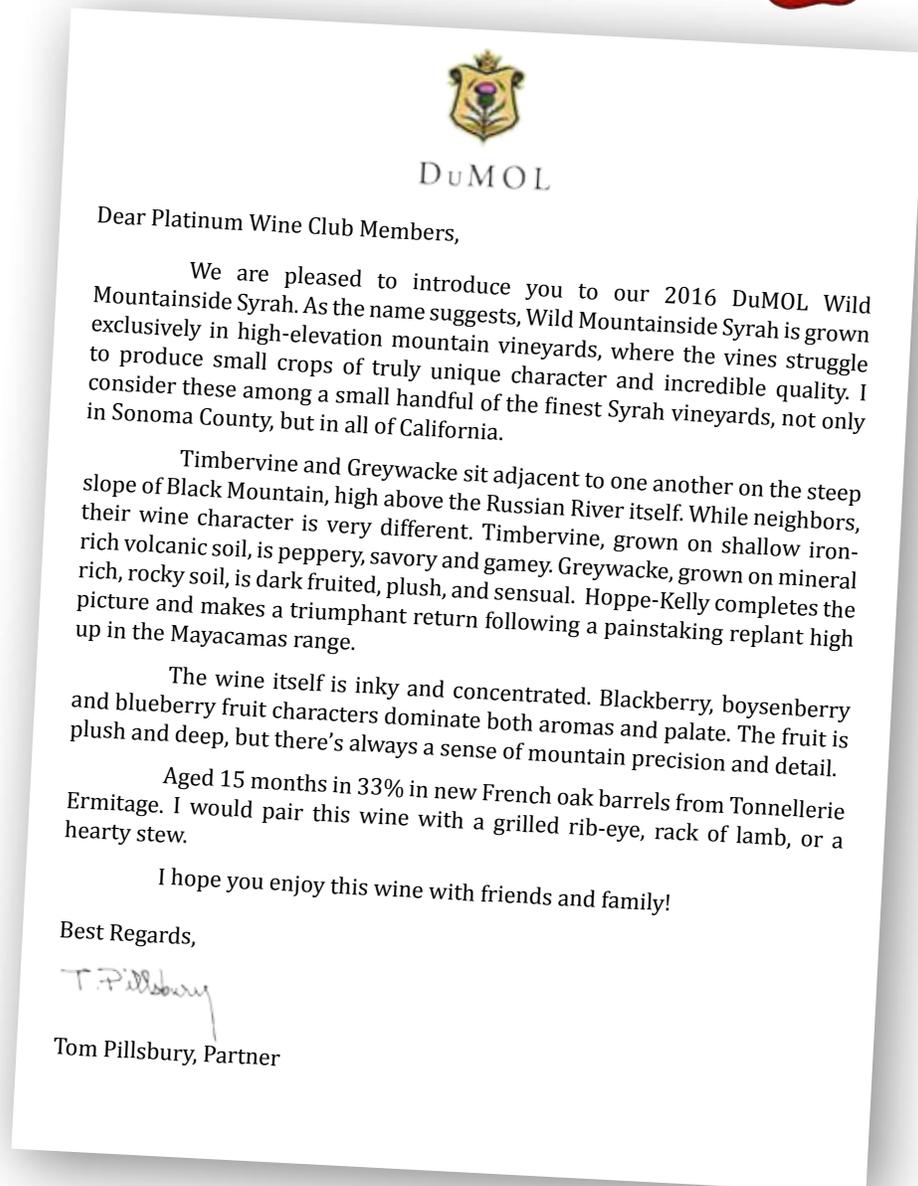
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820 cases produced

As the name suggests, DuMOL's 2016 'Wild Mountainside' Syrah was produced exclusively from high-elevation mountain vineyards in the Russian River Valley, where vines struggle to produce small crops of truly unique character and incredible quality. The vineyards, Greywacke, Hoppe-Kelly, and Timbervine, are among the finest Syrah vineyards, not only in Sonoma County, but in all of California. Inky and concentrated, the 2016 'Wild Mountainside' Syrah offers blackberry, boysenberry and blueberry fruit characters that dominate both the aromas and the palate. The fruit is plush and deep, but there is also a sense of mountain precision and detail, and hints of floral lilac and wild thyme that add wonderful complexity. A savory ferrous note adds intrigue to the full-bodied palate, but the wine remains fine and polished throughout. Aged 15 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy!

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