



***2013 Ron Rubin Green Valley of Russian River Valley  
Cool Climate Syrah, Dutton Cherry Ridge Vineyard***

—— Accolades ——

CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY, SCORE / 95 POINTS

2017 Ultimate Wine Challenge

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2017 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

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2016 Sommeliers Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition

PLATINUM, BEST SYRAH, SCORE / 93 POINTS

2016 Monterey International Wine Competition

DOUBLE GOLD / 95 POINTS

2016 San Francisco International Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL / 94 POINTS

2016 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

SCORE: - 91 POINTS – 2017 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

SCORE: - 93 POINTS – 2016 California State Fair

SCORE – 92 POINTS by **Catherine Fallis MS**, aka *Grape Goddess*®

SCORE – 92 POINTS – Wine Enthusiast Magazine

SCORE – 91 POINTS by the 2016 Ultimate Wine Challenge



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— Reviews —

**Dezel Quillen of *My Vine Spot*:** *Ron Rubin 2013 Green Valley of Russian River Valley Syrah: A delicious cool-climate wine!* Ron Rubin 2013 Green Valley of Russian River Valley Syrah (SRP \$32): Fruit for this wine was sourced from [Dutton Ranch] Cherry Ridge Vineyard in Green Valley of Russian River Valley. This site possesses just enough sun and heat to ripen Syrah. Remember, this is cool-climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir country. The wine is deep ruby purple in color. Inviting aromas of tart cherry, cranberry, and purple stone fruit mingle with peppery spice, tar, and muted earth-tinged complexities. These aromas extend to the palate through juicy flavors supported by soft, well-integrated tannins and an energetic spine of fresh acidity, ending with a medium-long, persistent finish. Perfect on its own, this Syrah is also very food-friendly. I enjoyed it with herb-crusted rack of lamb."

**Alissa Fehr Lerner of *SAHMelier*:** This wine is concise. Deep berry and spice, without being heavy. Black perfumed fruit, exotic notes, round tannins. If this wine were a tree, it would be a Texas Persimmon. The leaves small but clustered, sturdy in structure and depth of color hang on silvery branches. The fruit, small but rich, begins green and turns nearly black. Some hold their leaves throughout most of the year, almost evergreen. Below the tree sits a new plant. When wandering through the yard to find a match, my daughter was drawn to it. If this wine were a plant, it would be a Black and Blue salvia.

**Virginie Boone of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*:** From a south-facing hillside site on the edge of the Petaluma Gap at Dutton Ranch Cherry Ridge Vineyard, this fruity and complex wine shows white pepper and earthy notes, taking time to open in the glass. Varietal in its pepper, leather and violet aromas, it's sleek and tart—a cool-climate rendition of the grape.



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**Dan Berger** of *Vintage Experiences*: ...our No. 1 wine in our Tasting Notes this week turns out to be a startlingly fine Syrah whose press release technical sheet proclaims it to be “Cool Climate Syrah,” and which sells for about half the price of what it would sell for if the populists understood what was really happening with this grape. **2013 Ron Rubin Syrah, Green Valley of Russian River Valley (\$32)**: Black pepper and violets, the usual suspects from Steve Dutton’s Cherry Ridge Vineyard, are on display in this wine that is reminiscent of Dan Goldfield’s remarkable Syrah with that same vineyard designation (and which sells for \$18 more). The Rubin wine is slightly more approachable, and might not be as long-lived, but is a good value and works nicely with any food that has assertive spices including pepper. **EXCEPTIONAL**

**Robert Whitley** at *Creators.com*: Ron Rubin Cellars 2013 Syrah 'Cool Climate,' Green Valley (\$32) — As cool climates go, California's Green Valley is one of the coolest, which makes it a natural climate for chardonnay and pinot noir. But syrah also has an affinity for cool weather, as this effort from Ron Rubin demonstrates. Typical of syrah grown under cool conditions, this one displays an attractive blend of white pepper spice and rich blue fruits. It has a savory element that makes it a winner to pair with roasted meats. This syrah was designated best in its class at the San Diego Wine Challenge. – 95 Points

**Catherine Fallis MS**, aka *Grape Goddess*®: 2013 Ron Rubin Russian River Valley Syrah: Recommends "*Lively, expressive and juicy with notes of sour cherry, cassis, plum skin, mushroom, tar, and cigar box.*" – 92 Points