



## PATZ & HALL

### 2013 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD – MENDOCINO CHARDONNAY

**Vineyard Character:** In 2013, we selected fruit exclusively from two small blocks at the very top of Alder Springs Vineyard: Emerald Pool and East Face. At 2,600 feet in elevation, these impeccably farmed blocks on the flanks of Chato Peak in Northern Mendocino represent some of the highest-elevation Chardonnay plantings in the state. Though this is a challenging, unpredictable and enigmatic site, when conditions align, it has the capacity to produce a rare, terroir-inspired wine unlike any other. Our 2013 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD - Mendocino Chardonnay is made from a blend of Dijon clone grapes, as well as Wente and Robert Young clone fruit.

**Tasting Notes:** This powerfully aromatic wine reveals an alluring nose of cherry blossom, peach, green apple, toffee and smoke. Though rich and round on the palate, there is a lovely elegance and complexity on display that adds length and nuance to flavors of apple, lemon custard and gingersnaps, all of which carry through to a finish that goes on and on.

**Winemaking:**

100% Chardonnay fruit  
Whole-cluster pressed  
100% indigenous yeast fermentation (wild)  
*Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
45% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without filtration

**Release Date: February 2015**

**Cases Produced: 340**

#### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*Stuart Bewley - Alder Springs Vineyard - Laytonville, Mendocino County*

Located on the high slopes of northern Mendocino County at 2,600 feet above sea level, Alder Springs Vineyard is owned by Stuart Bewley, who is dedicated to growing first-rate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Situated near the town of Laytonville, the vineyard lies within 7 miles off the Pacific Ocean.

**James Hall**  
Winemaker