



## PATZ & HALL

### 2013 BURNSIDE VINEYARD – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

**Vineyard Character:** Burnside Vineyard is situated just west of Sebastopol on an east-facing ridgetop exposed to cool marine air from the Pacific. Red Goldridge series soils mark Burnside Vineyard as a superb Pinot Noir site, with a hillside orientation bending to the east for early morning sun exposure. Our primary block of Burnside Vineyard is planted entirely to the excellent Dijon clone 115, which has proven successful in several of California's top Pinot Noir vineyards. We also incorporate a small amount of clone 777 Pinot Noir from an additional block for complexity. Year after year, Burnside is an extremely low-yielding site producing very small, intensely flavored berries.

**Tasting Notes:** Burnside is one of the coolest sites we work with, and in 2013, it produced our lowest alcohol Pinot Noir, and one of our most elegantly aromatic. Scents of truffle, toffee, salty sea air, cranberry and spice rise from the glass. On the palate, more savory flavors reminiscent of black tea, lavender, moist forest floor and herbs de Provence pair beautifully with a taut structure and soft flowing tannins. A thoughtful, complex and composed Pinot Noir.

**Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
15% whole clusters  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
60% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without fining or filtration

**Release Date: October 2015**

**Cases Produced: 269**

#### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*George Martinelli - Burnside Vineyard - Russian River Valley*

Since 1887, five generations of the Martinelli family have grown grapes in California. In this time, the Martinellis have earned acclaim for their expertise growing premium grapes in the Russian River Valley, and more recently on the Sonoma Coast. Today, the Martinelli vineyards are managed by viticulturist George Martinelli, who continues building on his family's legacy of excellence. When George developed Burnside Vineyard in 2002 and offered us a small amount of fruit, we were thrilled.

**James Hall**  
Winemaker