



PATZ & HALL

2013 CHENOWETH RANCH – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: Like several of our finest vineyards, Chenoweth Ranch was originally cultivated as an apple orchard. Planted in Goldridge soils on the far western edge of the Russian River Valley appellation, this beautiful 7-acre vineyard is located in Green Valley, one of the region's coolest areas, and is farmed almost entirely for Patz & Hall (Charlie makes a small amount of his own wine from the vineyard). Though enjoying excellent sunlight from its slight south-facing orientation, the vineyard is sheltered by steep western hills, which protect the Dijon clone grapes from late-afternoon baking, while helping the fruit to retain natural acidity.

Tasting Notes: This stunning wine delivers everything we love about this vineyard: it's bursting with bright red fruit, has big, age-worthy tannins and abundant natural acidity. Vibrant red cherry and raspberry notes carry through from the nose to the palate, where they mingle with enticing layers of lavender, orange blossom, dusty forest floor and spice. There is also a lovely savory underpinning, with leesy, nutty notes adding nuance to the lush cherry pie flavors.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
15% whole clusters
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
70% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without fining or filtration

Release Date: October 2015

Cases Produced: 1,347

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Charlie & Bud Chenoweth - Chenoweth Ranch - Russian River Valley

The Chenoweth family established their homestead estate in Green Valley in 1838. Increasingly well known as one of California's preeminent vineyard managers, Charlie Chenoweth has earned recognition for his talent as a farmer, and for his collaborative approach to viticulture. In this spirit, we were pleased to work alongside Charlie during the planting of Chenoweth Ranch. We first designated this site as a single-vineyard bottling in 2004. Charlie has also been able to bring us some superlative Pinot Noir fruit over the years for our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir blend from his Sonoma County vineyard developments.

James Hall
Winemaker