



## PATZ & HALL

### 2013 PISONI VINEYARD – SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS PINOT NOIR

**Vineyard Character:** This famous vineyard is situated above the Salinas Valley near the town of Gonzales, in Monterey County. Perched on a sandy mesa, Pisoni is the benchmark for superlative Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands. Reflecting a perfect convergence of aspect, site and soil, it consistently yields grapes with remarkable power and complexity.

**Tasting Notes:** This is another tour de force from Pisoni, combining the vineyard's signature power and richness with alluring depth and complexity. Super-concentrated, liqueur-like aromas of Bing cherry, plum, cassis, and cola leap from the glass, followed by notes of toasted cashews, ginger and clove. For all of its depth and richness, this wine literally sings on the palate, showing amazing energy and ample enlivening acidity to add poise and definition to the voluptuous flavors of red currant, cherry and milk chocolate. A true knockout, and certainly one of the finest expressions of Pisoni Pinot Noir in many years.

**Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
12% whole clusters  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
70% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without fining or filtration

**Release Date: March 2016**

**Cases Produced: 752**

#### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*Gary, Mark and Jeff Pisoni - Pisoni Vineyard - Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County*

Like several of the grower families PATZ & HALL works with, the Pisonis comes from a multigenerational farming background. Gary Pisoni's father was a row crop farmer in the Salinas Valley, Gary's son Mark is a dedicated vineyard manager and farmer, while son Jeff is a noted winemaker. Though the Pisonis still cultivate approximately 500 acres of vegetables, their fame has come as winegrowers. Located in the far southern hills of the Santa Lucia Highlands, Pisoni Vineyard is an iconic site, and one of the region's grand cru vineyards. The original plantings of Pinot Noir took place in the early 1980s, and we are fortunate to source our fruit from Pisoni's coveted "old field" and "Hermanos" blocks.

**James Hall - Winemaker**