



## PATZ & HALL

### 2014 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 Chenoweth 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:** From its alluring deep ruby color to its powerful aromas of dark chocolate, dusty cedar, bright cherry, raspberry and toasted almond, this is a dynamic and complex wine. While it possesses a lovely rich, sappy quality, with smooth, supple tannins, it also displays a brightness and energy that adds freshness to the complex fruit and spice flavors. The finish is silky and long, with lingering notes of lavender and spice.

**Winemaking:**

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

**Release Date: October 2016**

**Cases Produced: 1,284**

#### 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 the mid-1800s. 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