



PATZ & HALL

2014 GOLDROCK RIDGE VINEYARD – SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: Located on the extreme Sonoma Coast, just 6 miles from the ocean at an elevation above the fog line, Goldrock Ridge is the westernmost vineyard that we work with. It is a windswept site that receives abundant sunshine thanks to its west-facing aspect. The grapes for this wine come from Dijon clone 76 and Robert Young clone Chardonnay vines grown in the vineyard's uplifted marine soils. The quality of this fruit was so exceptional in 2014 that it demanded to be bottled as a single-vineyard Salon Society-exclusive wine.

Tasting Notes: Our debut Chardonnay from Goldrock Ridge, this complex and multifaceted wine is defined by its vibrant natural acidity, and a riveting streak of cool-climate coastal minerality. This minerality adds poise and sophistication, while underscoring distinctive aromas of grapefruit, clove, carnation and exotic eastern spices. On the palate, it is both elegant and energetic, with notes of papaya, green mango and white chocolate, as well as a hint of limestone-like chalkiness that adds a pleasant counterpoint of tension.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole-cluster pressed
100% indigenous yeast fermentation (wild)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
40% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without filtration

Release Date: February 2016

Cases Produced: 450

James Hall
Winemaker