

## PATZ & HALL 2014 Jenkins Ranch – Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

**Vineyard Character:** Located about two miles west of Sebastopol on Pleasant Hill Rd. (in an area known as Sebastopol Hills), the 18-acre Jenkins Ranch is situated on gently rolling hills at an elevation of approximately 400 feet. Once an apple orchard, Jenkins Ranch features Goldridge series gravelly loam soils planted to Dijon selections 667 and 777. These vines were planted under the guidance of renowned vineyard manager Charlie Chenoweth in 2001. Though the site features cool coastal influences, its location one series of hills back from the Petaluma Gap offers a degree of shelter and warmth for the grapes.

**Tasting Notes:** Once again, Jenkins Ranch has delivered a luscious, flowing expression of Pinot Noir with rich, mouthcoating tannins and alluring fruit. On the nose, layers of spicy cherry, moist forest floor and sea spray showcase this wine's beautiful balance between concentration and complexity. The palate is lush and creamy, with supple tannins adding silkiness to red fruit flavors of raspberry, plum and pomegranate. Underscoring it all are hints of burnt almond toffee and cocoa, as well as an intriguing savoriness that carries the wine to a long satisfying finish.

## Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir fruit
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
10% whole clusters
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
60% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without fining or filtration

Release Date: March 2016 Cases Produced: 1,342

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Jenkins Ranch is the old family homestead of the Jenkins family. Together, Nancy Jenkins and her two daughters form the popular country music family trio, The Jenkins. In 2001, the family began working with Charlie Chenoweth, and since then, the site has emerged as an exceptional Pinot Noir vineyard. Well known as one of California's preeminent vineyard managers, Charlie has earned recognition for his talent as a farmer, and for his collaborative approach to viticulture.

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