2015

MENDOCINO CHARDONNAY
Alder Springs Vineyard

PATZ & HALL

VINEYARD CHARACTER

In 2015, we selected fruit exclusively from two small blocks at the very top of Alder Springs Vineyard: Emerald Pool and East Face. At 2,600 feet in elevation, these impeccably farmed blocks on the flanks of Cahto Peak in Northern Mendocino represent some of the highest-elevation Chardonnay plantings in the state. Though this is a challenging, unpredictable and enigmatic site, when conditions align—as they did in 2015—Alder Springs has the capacity to produce a rare, terroir-inspired wine unlike any other. Our 2015 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD - Mendocino Chardonnay is made from a blend of Dijon clone grapes, as well as Wente and Robert Young clone fruit.

TASTING NOTES

Pure, ripe aromas of summer melon rise from the glass, along with notes of toasted hazelnut, carnations and cinnamon spice. Round and flowing on the palate, this wine gains volume with each sip, displaying luscious layers of cantaloupe, apricot and tarte tatin. Lovely high-mountain acidity adds poise and freshness to the alluring flavors, while the suppleness of the wine carries it to a long lingering finish. One of our finest Alder Springs Chardonnays ever!

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: April 2017
RETAIL PRICE PER 750ML: $60.00
CASES PRODUCED: 675

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS
Stuart Bewley - Alder Springs Vineyard - Laytonville, Mendocino County

Located on the high slopes of northern Mendocino County, Alder Springs Vineyard is owned by Stuart Bewley, who is dedicated to growing exceptional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Situated near the town of Laytonville, the vineyard lies within 7 miles off the Pacific Ocean. Patz & Hall first harvested grapes from Alder Springs Vineyard in 1997, becoming the first winery to buy grapes from this special vineyard.

James Hall

JAMES HALL | *Winemaker*

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