2015
MENDOCINO PINOT NOIR
Alder Springs Vineyard

PATZ & HALL

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Defined by its high elevation and low-vigor uplifted marine soils, Alder Springs Vineyard produces tiny vines with equally tiny clusters and berries. Located about 7 miles from the Pacific, and situated at approximately 2,100 ft., with some blocks as high as 2,600, Alder Springs exists on the edge of what is possible for great cool-climate winegrowing. But when conditions are right—as they were in 2015—the results are spectacular! When we bottle an Alder Springs Vineyard wine, it is something rare and special. This wine comes from what we believe were the vineyard's two finest Pinot Noir blocks in 2015: Cahto Lake and Helm's Field.

TASTING NOTES

With an incredible, high-mountain structure, enthralling aromatics and flowing tannins, this is a Pinot Noir unlike any other. The nose offers enticingly sophisticated layers of chanterelle, moist earth, sweet cedar and spice, along with hints of campfire smoke and dark chocolate. On the palate, this wine is rich and powerful, with spicy red fruit and five spice flavors that mingle seamlessly with the deep, savory core. Like many of the greatest vintages from Alder Springs, it promises a long, fascinating evolution in the cellar.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 50% new Burgundian French oak barrels
- Bottled without fining or filtration

RELEASE DATE: September 2017
RETAIL PRICE PER 750ML: $70.00
CASES PRODUCED: 350

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 great Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Alder Springs' Pinot Noir plantings include Calera, Pommard, Swan and Dijon selections. 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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