

2015

CHENOWETH RANCH PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



PATZ & HALL



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

This gorgeous expression of Chenoweth Ranch Pinot Noir is deep and complex, with alluring aromas of Bing cherry, red raspberry, plum, and violets, along with sophisticated underlying soy and cedar/cigar box notes. Though rich and silky, there is a lovely energy to the mid-palate that adds freshness to flavors of cranberry and cherry. The pure red fruit flavors continue through to the finish, where they mingle with sweet, supple tannins and hints of maple syrup.

WINEMAKING

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

RELEASE DATE: October 2017

CASES PRODUCED: 600

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

JAMES HALL | Winemaker

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