2015

GAP'S CROWN PINOT NOIR
Sonoma Coast

PATZ & HALL

VINEYARD CHARACTER

One of the Sonoma Coast's great vineyards, Gap's Crown was first planted to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 2002. Located in the foothills of the Sonoma Mountain, above the Petaluma Gap, it offers a variety of soil types at elevations ranging from 300 to 800 feet. The prized sections we work with are on the flank of the mountain. They are two of the highest blocks on the vineyard and are planted to clones 667 and 828, in Goulding series soils, with some heavier clay interspersed with volcanic rock and lots of gravel. These soils are extremely well drained, and coupled with the site's wind and fog, help to ensure low yields. Gap's Crown is one of the last vineyards we harvest each vintage.

TASTING NOTES

From its dramatic dark ruby color to its mesmerizing aromas of crushed black raspberry, chocolate, cherry liqueur, five spice and lavender, this is a vibrant and alluring Pinot Noir. On the palate, flavors of strawberry jam, sweet tobacco leaf, cracked pepper and coffee glide across soft, rich tannins to a long persistent finish that is as complex as it is satisfying.

WINEMAKING

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

RELEASE DATE: April 2017
RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: $70.00
CASES PRODUCED: 900

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Bill Price - Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

Originally planted by viticultural icon William Hill, today Gap's Crown is owned by Bill Price. Bill has been a significant figure in the California wine industry since he purchased Beringer Wine Estates in 1996. After selling Beringer, Bill became a partner in Kistler, and today, through his company Vincraft, he is a partner in Kosta Browne, Gary Farrell, Price Chanin and Durell Vineyard. In 2013, Bill purchased Gap's Crown, which has become the crown jewel of his vineyard portfolio. Fruit from Gap's Crown's has become a key part of our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. We bottled our first Gap's Crown vineyard-designate wine in 2007.

James Hall

JAMES HALL | *Winemaker*

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