2015

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS PINOT NOIR
Pisoni Vineyard

PATZ & HALL

VINEYARD CHARACTER

This famous vineyard is situated above the Salinas Valley near the town of Gonzales, in Monterey County. Perched on a sandy mesa, Pisoni is the benchmark for superlative Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands. Reflecting a perfect convergence of aspect, site and soil, it consistently yields grapes with remarkable power and complexity.

TASTING NOTES

Combining mesmerizing layers of strawberry, cherry, raspberry, spicy clove, and cinnamon, this is one of the most vibrant and dynamic expressions of Pisoni Vineyard Pinot Noir that we have ever made. Mirroring the ripe red fruit aromas, the palate is fresh, focused and energetic, with beautiful purity and silky tannins. A streak of excellent acidity adds precision throughout, while promising a long life for this powerful and complex wine. This is another spectacular vintage from this grand-cru-caliber winegrowing site.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
- 10% whole clusters
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 70% new Burgundian French oak barrels
- Bottled without fining or filtration

RELEASE DATE: March 2018
CASES PRODUCED: 400

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS
Gary, Mark and Jeff Pisoni - Pisoni Vineyard - Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County

Like several of the grower families PATZ & HALL works with, the Pisonis come from a multigenerational farming background. Gary Pisoni's father was a row crop farmer in the Salinas Valley, Gary's son Mark is a dedicated vineyard manager and farmer, while son Jeff is a noted winemaker. Though the Pisonis still cultivate approximately 500 acres of vegetables, their fame has come as winegrowers. Located in the far southern hills of the Santa Lucia Highlands, Pisoni Vineyard is an iconic site, and one of the region's grand cru vineyards. The original plantings of Pinot Noir took place in the early 1980s, and we are fortunate to source our fruit from Pisoni's coveted "old field" and "Hermanos" blocks.

James Hall

JAMES HALL | *Winemaker*

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