

2015

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Zio Tony Ranch



PATZ & HALL



VINEYARD CHARACTER

Planted in 1990 by the Martinelli family, Zio Tony Ranch is located on Frei Road in the heart of the Russian River's cool Green Valley. Our coveted section of Zio Tony is planted on top of a gently sloping hill on well-drained, low-vigor, Goldridge sandy loam soils. These iron-rich, reddish soils consistently produce fruit with great structure and acidity. Our 2015 Chardonnay is made from 100% Dijon clone 76, which is notable for its exceptional texture and pure aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

The excellent 2015 growing season has yielded a complex and beautifully structured expression of Zio Tony Chardonnay, with aromas of ripe cantaloupe, pine needles, ginger snap cookies and an almost Champagne-like chalky minerality. Wonderfully dynamic and fresh on the palate, it dazzles with flavors of fresh peach, lime peel and forest floor. The vibrant acidity adds an ideal framework for the fruit. This wine is a true, cellar-worthy treasure.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- Whole-cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentation (wild)
- *Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 45% new Burgundian French oak barrels
- Bottled without filtration

RELEASE DATE: October 2017

RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$65.00

CASES PRODUCED: 350

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

George Martinelli - Zio Tony Ranch - Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Since 1887, five generations of the Martinelli family have grown grapes in California. In this time, the Martinelli family has earned acclaim for its expertise growing grapes in the Russian River Valley, and on the Sonoma Coast. Zio Tony Ranch is farmed by George Martinelli, the youngest in the distinguished family of Sonoma County viticultural masters. The Martinelli family named Zio Tony Ranch to honor their uncle Tony, predecessor to the current generation of Martinellis.

James Hall
JAMES HALL | Winemaker

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