

2016

## BOOTLEGGER'S HILL CHARDONNAY

*Russian River Valley*



PATZ & HALL



RELEASE DATE: April 2018  
RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$65.00  
CASES PRODUCED: 239  
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.2%

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

Planted in 2007 by renowned winegrower Charlie Chenoweth, this is the newest single vineyard in the Patz & Hall portfolio. Situated a mere 8 miles from the Pacific Ocean, Bootlegger's Hill is a very cool site, with shallow Goldridge soils that produce low yields of small-berried clusters with high acidity. This wine was made entirely from a prized west-facing block of Hyde-Wente clone Chardonnay grown on 420A rootstock.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was another fantastic growing season. It started out with good winter rainfall, which after four years of drought, was a big relief. While the summer of 2016 was quite hot, a perfectly timed cool-down over a three-week period in August allowed the grapes to ripen with moderate sugar levels. It also preserved the acidity that is so essential to making great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Thus, the quality is exceptional with vivid, alluring flavors in the Chardonnays and deep colors and gorgeous aromatics in the Pinot Noir.

### TASTING NOTES

From one of the coolest sites we work with on a high ridge just east of the town of Occidental, this Chardonnay is floral, fruity, rich and crisp. The nose at first shows grapefruit, cedar spice and smoky notes before revealing white flowers and hints of carnation and clove. The palate is delicate and lithe while retaining a fat core of richness and strength. Complex flavors of summer melon, graham cracker and Bosc pear linger before the profound acidity clears the way for the next sip.

### WINEMAKING

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- 100% Whole-cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentations
- *Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (45% new; 55% 1-2-year old)
- Bottled without filtration to preserve the wine's aromas and flavors and enhance aging potential

### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*Charlie Chenoweth - Bootlegger's Hill - Russian River Valley*

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. For years, Charlie has brought us superlative Pinot Noir fruit for our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir from his Sonoma County vineyard projects.

*James Hall*

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