

2016

JENKINS RANCH PINOT NOIR

Sonoma Coast



PATZ & HALL



RELEASE DATE: September 2018
RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$75.00
CASES PRODUCED: 465
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.2%

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Located about two miles south-west of Sebastopol on Pleasant Hill Rd. (in an area known as Sebastopol Hills), the 18-acre Jenkins Ranch is situated on a north-east facing hillside. The elevation is approximately 400 feet. Once an apple orchard, Jenkins Ranch features Goldridge series sandy loam soils planted to Dijon selections 667 and 777. These vines were planted under the guidance of renowned vineyard manager Charlie Chenoweth in 2001. Though the site features cool coastal influences, its location on a series of hills back from the Petaluma Gap offers a degree of shelter and warmth for the grapes.

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

Catching the first morning rays of sun, which help off-set the copious cooling winds from the Pacific, this predominantly Dijon 777 wine shows piercing aromas and flavors of dried flowers, saffras, cranberry, salty ocean air, dried mushrooms and distant campfire. Typical of this vineyard, as it ages it is shifting from its adolescent savory tones to overtly high-tone and fruity.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (native yeast, followed by cultured yeast)
- 10% whole cluster added
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (60% new; 40% 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

The Jenkins Family - Jenkins Ranch - Sonoma Coast

Jenkins Ranch is the old family homestead of the Jenkins family. Together, Nancy Jenkins and her two daughters form the popular country music family trio, The Jenkins. In 2001, the family began working with Charlie Chenoweth, and since then, the site has emerged as an exceptional Pinot Noir vineyard. Well known as one of California's preeminent vineyard managers, Charlie has earned recognition for his talent as a farmer, and for his collaborative approach to viticulture.

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