

2016

LITTLE BOOT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley



PATZ & HALL



VINEYARD CHARACTER

This is the first single vineyard bottling from this exciting new site located near the town of Occidental. Planted exclusively for Patz & Hall by Charlie Chenoweth, one of the superstar viticulturists of the Sonoma Coast, the combination of Dijon and California Heritage selections of Pinot produce wine of rare energy and detail. Little Boot Vineyard is a cool site with shallow Goldridge series sandy loam soils.

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

The naturally high acid of this site drives the high frequency aromas of raspberry, fresh cherry, pine resin, milk chocolate and hazelnut. The mouthfeel is reminiscent of fresh cherry juice, at once fruity and tart but also coating and rich. The lean, crisp structure cuts across the palate with mouthwatering intensity, flashing multifaceted flavors through the detailed, refreshing finish. This wine is sure to gain depth, roundness and complexity with further aging. This site is the newest addition to the panoply of great vineyards at Patz & Hall, and 2016 is where this site's glorious history begins.

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 (50% new; 50% 1-2-year old)
- Bottled without filtration to preserve the wine's aromas and flavors and enhance aging potential

RELEASE DATE: November 2018
RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$80.00
CASES PRODUCED: 325
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.7%

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Charlie Chenoweth – Little Boot Vineyard - 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 | Winemaker

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