

2016

SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR



PATZ & HALL



RELEASE DATE: June 2018
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.2%

VINEYARD 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

A marvelous collection of thirteen small, independently family-owned vineyard sites come together in this gorgeous display of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. The color is dark ruby-garnet with great density to the rim, hinting at the layered concentration this wine carries so effortlessly. Aromas of spicy, dried cherries, five-spice powder, cocoa and cranberry weave amongst fresh strawberries and kirsch liquor. Though nicely dense and full on the palate, the overt richness avoids heaviness with fresh acidity and bright berry fruit flavors that resolve on a long and detailed finish. At once powerful and concentrated, the 2016 maintains the essential elegance and subtlety that defines great Pinot Noir.

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 (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

To craft our Patz & Hall SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR, we source grapes from a selection of California's most renowned winegrowing families. The Dutton family provides us with fruit from several of their small vineyard sites. Charlie Chenoweth, Lee Martinelli and Steve Hill also contribute superb quality fruit to this complex blend of vineyard sites and clones. The blend also features a core of fruit from Mark Sanchietti's Two Dryers Vineyard and Bill Price's Gap's Crown Vineyard, one of the Sonoma Coast's great winegrowing sites. In addition, to achieve our goal of producing a Pinot Noir that embodies the depth, structure and vibrant fruit flavors of the Sonoma Coast, we continually seek out new, single-vineyard-caliber Pinot Noir sites to add to this delicious cuvée.


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