

2017

CHARDONNAY
Sonoma Coast



PATZ & HALL



RELEASE DATE: April 2019
RETAIL PRICE PER 750 ML: \$40.00
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.2%

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season kicked off with record rainfall, a welcome addition after almost five years of drought. In the early spring the weather began to clear, and the growing season began to look up with sunny and warm conditions. Around flowering, weather conditions started to oscillate between foggy and windy days and unusually hot spikes. This continued into June, where unseasonably hot weather left clusters with small berries and a much lighter crop than predicted. More very hot weather arrived at the end of August and remained for two weeks, causing us to scramble to get the grapes into the winery at ideal ripeness levels. Fortunately, our many farming relationships delivered wonderfully, escaping most of the heat related stresses, delivering perfectly ripe fruit. We started harvest on August 18th with sparkling cuvee and brought our last grapes in on September 27th. When the fires broke out in Napa and Sonoma the night of October 8 we had, fortunately, already picked all our grapes.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 offering is a collection of true single vineyard quality sites that could all be bottled on their own including; Sanchietti Vineyard, Gap's Crown Vineyard, Zio Tony Ranch, Dutton Ranch and Durell Vineyard. The wine has inviting aromas of apricot, lemon zest, brown sugar cookie, dried lavender and heavily roasted hazelnut. The palate is mouthwatering, vibrant and fresh with sleek acidity supporting flavorful pulses of spicy pear, green apple, marzipan and orange-clove.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- 100% Whole cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentations
- *Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 32% new Burgundian French oak barrels
- Sterile filtered at bottling

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Building on the belief that great wines capture the essence of great vineyards, for three decades Patz & Hall has been seeking out the very best small, family-owned Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Over the years, this exploration has taken us ever-further west as the Sonoma Coast has emerged as California's preeminent winegrowing regions for Burgundian varietals. Incorporating grapes from such renowned vineyards as Gap's Crown, Sanchietti Vineyard, Zio Tony Ranch, Dutton Ranch and Durell Vineyard, this wine spotlights the structure and sophistication of its cool-climate origins, with the unmistakable purity of fruit that defines exceptional Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.


JAMES HALL | *Winemaker*

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