



PATZ & HALL

## 2012 CHENOWETH RANCH – RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

**Vineyard Character:** Like several of our finest vineyards, Chenoweth Ranch was originally cultivated as an apple orchard. Planted in Goldridge soils on the far western edge of the Russian River Valley appellation, this beautiful 7-acre vineyard is located in Green Valley, one of the region's coolest areas, and is farmed almost entirely for Patz & Hall. Though enjoying excellent sunlight from its slight south-facing orientation, the vineyard is sheltered by steep western hills, which protect the Dijon clone grapes from late-afternoon baking, while helping the fruit to retain natural acidity.

**Tasting Notes:** This is a deep, dramatic and mouthfilling expression of Pinot Noir that for all of its palate-saturating richness still shows great elegance and complexity. Bright and forward, the aromas leap from the glass offering layers of cherry, mulled cinnamon stick, dusty rose, carnation, cocoa and mocha. On the palate, rich flavors of blackberry, black cherry and dark chocolate are framed by a big structure, dense tannins and seamlessly integrated new oak, all of which promise a long life in the cellar.

**Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
10% whole clusters  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
65% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without fining or filtration

**Release Date: October 2014**

**Retail Price per 750 ml: \$60.00**

**Cases Produced: 871**

**THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS**

*Charlie & Bud Chenoweth - Chenoweth Ranch - Russian River Valley*

The Chenoweth family established their homestead estate in Green Valley in 1838. 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. In this spirit, we were pleased to work alongside Charlie during the planting of Chenoweth Ranch. We first designated this site as a single-vineyard bottling in 2004. Charlie has also been able to bring us some superlative Pinot Noir fruit over the years for our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir blend from his Sonoma County vineyard developments.

**James Hall**  
**Winemaker**