



PATZ & HALL

2013 GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD - SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: One of the Sonoma Coast's great vineyards, Gap's Crown was first planted to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 2002. Located in the foothills of the Sonoma Mountain, above the Petaluma Gap, it offers a variety of soil types at elevations ranging from 300 to 800. The prized section we work with is on the flank of the mountain, and is the second highest block on the vineyard. It features Goulding series soils, with some heavier clay interspersed with volcanic rock and lots of gravel. These soils are extremely well drained, and coupled with the site's wind and fog, help to ensure low yields. Gap's Crown is one of the last vineyards we harvest each vintage.

Tasting Notes: The more this spectacular vineyard matures, the more dramatic its wines become. Rich, concentrated and compelling, this is an epic Pinot Noir. At the same time, Gap's Crown's signature hyper-red fruit notes combined with good acidity and a steely minerality add poise and precision. On the palate, rich flavors of cherry compote and mulled holiday spices are supported by hints of lavender, rosemary and resin from a small amount of whole-cluster fermentation. While there is a smooth, velvety ripeness to this wine, the lingering finish has a grip that bodes well for a long life.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir fruit
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
15% whole clusters
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
65% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without fining or filtration

Release Date: March 2015

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Bill Price - Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

Originally planted by viticultural icon William Hill, today Gap's Crown is owned by Bill Price. Bill has been a significant figure in the California wine industry since he purchased Beringer Wine Estates in 1996. After selling Beringer, Bill became a partner in Kistler, and today, through his company Vincraft, he is a partner in Kosta Browne, Gary Farrell, Price Chanin and Durell Vineyard. In 2013, Bill purchased Gap's Crown, which has become the crown jewel of his vineyard portfolio. Fruit from Gap's Crown's has become a key part of our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. We bottled our first Gap's Crown vineyard-designate wine in 2007.

James Hall
Winemaker