



PATZ & HALL

2011 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: This beautiful wine features fruit from an array of exceptional Sonoma Coast winegrowing sites, including vineyards in Green Valley, Sonoma Valley and the Russian River Valley. Some of the appellation's most distinguished viticulturists and vineyard owners provide fruit for this complex blend, including the Dutton Brothers, the Martinelli family, Charlie Chenoweth, and Steve Hill.

Tasting Notes: The cool 2011 vintage has yielded a lovely, aromatically driven expression of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir marked by layered floral notes of rose, carnation and violet, as well as delicate hints of red fruit and spice. On the palate, the flavors are vivid and pure, with red cherry and raspberry fruit supported by soft, yet enlivening acidity. The tannins are supple and subtle, adding to this wine's weight and velvety texture, with oak-inspired notes of cinnamon, clove and maple syrup contributing nuance and complexity. All of these elements lead to a long creamy finish, with melt-in-your mouth tannins. This is an exceptional food wine that will provide lots of pleasure in its youth.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir fruit
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
50% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without fining or filtration

Release Date: October 2012

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

To craft our Patz & Hall SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR, we source grapes from a number of California's most distinguished 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 Gap's Crown, one of the Sonoma Coast's great emerging vineyards. 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.

James Hall
Winemaker