



PATZ & HALL

Annapolis Capital

“Since 1988 the Patz & Hall people have been cranking out some very special Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays from small vineyard plots. Partners James Hall, Anne Moses, Donald Patz and Heather Patz focus on making boldly flavored but balanced wines from small quantities of grapes grown in cool climate vineyard sites. Their goal is to produce wines that are true to the terroir of each site and are representative of their varietal origins. Recently we sampled two of their current offerings:”

PATZ & HALL 2005 HYDE VINEYARD

Carneros Pinot Noir

“The Patz & Hall 2005 Hyde Vineyard Carneros Pinot Noir is a delight to experience with a wild cherry/gamey nose with nutmeg spice notes. The wine exhibits big wild cherry flavors in the mouth, with cinnamon and nutmeg spice notes. Although this wine would do well with duck, pork or veal dishes we liked it all by itself.”

PATZ & HALL 2005 PISONI VINEYARD

Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

“We also enjoyed the Patz & Hall 2005 Pisoni Vineyard Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir. This wine screams Pinot Noir from the first sniff. It exhibits a nose of cherry, berry, and vanilla. In the mouth you experience an opulent and rich wine that is very harmonious with cherry and mocha flavors. An awesome wine that is a pleasure to sip all by itself.”

- Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr
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