



PATZ & HALL

2006 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD – MENDOCINO PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: Defined by its high elevation and low-vigor uplifted marine soils, Alder Springs Vineyard produces tiny vines with equally tiny clusters and berries. Reflecting its distinctive mountain terroir, Pinot Noir from Alder Springs displays sophisticated texture and flavors – most notably briar, licorice and exotic spicy aromas of cedar and clove.

Tasting Notes: A more energetic and aromatic incarnation of our ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD – Mendocino Pinot Noir than in previous vintages, this wine displays a vibrant nose of plum skin, cranberry and tart cherry. On the palate, it segues to flavors that bring together both red and dark fruit layers, alongside enticing notes of sassafras and licorice. Like architectural elements, the wine's acidity and high-mountain tannins combine to create focus and poise. Still somewhat youthful and unbridled, this wine promises to develop beautifully over the next few years.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir

Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)

Sur lie aged with regular stirring

100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

50% new Burgundian French oak barrels

Bottled without filtration

Bottling Date: August 2007

Release Date: September 2008

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Stuart Bewley - Alder Springs Vineyard – Laytonville, Mendocino County

Located on the high slopes of Cato Peak in northern Mendocino County at 2,100 feet above sea level, the Alder Springs Vineyard is owned by Stuart Bewley, who is dedicated to growing first-rate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Situated above the town of Laytonville, the vineyard lies within 7 miles of the Pacific Ocean. Alder Springs Vineyard is planted to a selection of Dijon clones of Pinot Noir – primarily clones 115 and 114 with smaller blocks of clones 667 and 777. The vines produce a small crop of intensely concentrated grapes.

James Hall
Winemaker