



PATZ & HALL

2007 ZIO TONY RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: This site, located on Frei Road in the heart of Russian River Valley, is owned by the Martinelli family and is farmed by George Martinelli, the youngest in a distinguished family of Sonoma County viticultural masters. Our two parcels are planted to Dijon Chardonnay clones, on well-drained, low-vigor, Goldridge sandy loam soils. These iron-rich, reddish soils consistently produce fruit with great structure and acidity.

Tasting Notes: A product of the great 2007 vintage, this wine is vibrant and racy, with bright minerality and a beam of mouthwatering acidity that supports layers of concentrated peach, spicy pear, green apple and honeydew melon. Intriguing floral and spice elements are accented by pleasing layers of vanilla, clove and maple syrup from the new French oak. Though it displays a precociously intense appeal right now, it is just going to get better and better, and is likely to be the longest lived vintage we have ever produced.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole cluster pressed
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
50% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without filtering

Release Date: March 2009

Cases Produced: 448

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

George Martinelli - Zio Tony Ranch – Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Planted in 1990, the Martinelli family named the Zio Tony Ranch to honor their uncle Tony, predecessor to the current generation of Martinellis. The vineyard has the famous Goldridge soil, and our parcels are located on top of a gentle sloping hill. The grapes are a combination of Dijon clones 76 and 95.

James Hall
Winemaker