



PATZ & HALL

2005 DURELL VINEYARD - SONOMA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: We are delighted to be working with fruit from this extraordinary site in the southwestern part of the Sonoma Valley. The 2005 DURELL VINEYARD – Sonoma Valley Chardonnay is made from a Hyde-Wente selection Chardonnay and selected Dijon clones and is fermented with indigenous yeast. The result is a rich and powerfully built wine.

Tasting Notes: The 2005 DURELL VINEYARD – Sonoma Valley Chardonnay is opulent and multi-layered with aromas of toasted brioche, crème brûlée, pineapple, and beeswax, which creates an exotic and intense bouquet. The palate is rich, full-bodied and creamy, with ripe tropical fruit, honey and apricot, and a hint of darkly roasted hazelnuts. Complex, rich and concentrated, the palate displays the harmony of intense components and an extraordinary finish.

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 filtration

Release Date: July, 2006

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Bill Price, Owner

Steve and Ned Hill, Viticulturists – Durell Vineyard, Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County

Viticulturist Steve Hill developed the Durell Vineyard with Ed Durell in 1982. Since then, the original site has been purchased and expanded by Bill Price. A fabulous section of Wente clone Chardonnay, planted exclusively for Patz & Hall by Steve Hill and his son Ned, forms the foundation of our DURELL VINEYARD Sonoma Valley Chardonnay.

Extremely low yields and very concentrated, thickly textured wines are the hallmarks of this rocky site. A second site of Dijon clone was added in 2004 from the “Sand Hill” block, just north and slightly higher than the original block. “Sand Hill” is a rolling section of uplifted sandy, ancient ocean floor offering superb drainage and austere, low vigor soils. More aromatic and elegant than the original section, the blend of the two sites is the best of both worlds; textured, rich and unctuous but still lithe, fresh and elegant. Together, these clones give rise to an incredible wine that truly illuminates the distinctive terroir of Durell Vineyard.

James Hall
Winemaker

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