



PATZ & HALL

2007 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: With excellent natural acidity, balance, structure and length, this Pinot Noir shows its pedigree from the 2007 vintage. It begins with enticing floral, cherry and strawberry aromas, which are underscored by a distinctive note of clove and cedar spice—a hallmark of Alder Springs. The palate is graceful and layered, displaying elements of raspberry, cherry liqueur, licorice, fresh fennel and cinnamon. A lovely expression of this high-mountain vineyard, the 2007 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD – Mendocino Pinot Noir is already showing remarkable poise at a relatively early age.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir

Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)

Sur lie aged

100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

50% new Burgundian French oak barrels

Bottled without filtration

Release Date: October 2009

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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