



PATZ & HALL

## 2008 BURNSIDE VINEYARD – SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR

**Vineyard Character:** This vineyard historically expresses classic Pinot Noir aromas and flavors of blueberry, baking spices, cassis and cocoa. The site is situated just west of Sebastopol on an east-facing ridgetop exposed to cool marine air from the Pacific. Impeccably farmed by the Martinelli family, the site's Dijon clone 115 vines are planted on very well-drained Goldridge sandy loam soils. In 2008, we saw our lowest crop levels ever at Burnside—an already extraordinarily low-yielding site—producing very small, intensely flavored berries.

**Tasting Notes:** This is one of the most elegant and focused expressions of BURNSIDE VINEYARD – Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir we have ever produced. A true reflection of its cool-climate origins, it reveals graceful layers of blueberry, cherry and clove, with excellent acidity, minerality and a sophisticated finish that hints at mocha and maple syrup. Reminiscent of the lovely 2002 vintage, which was one of our favorites from this vineyard.

### **Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
50% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without fining or filtration

**Release Date: March 2010**

**Cases Produced: 298**

### **THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS**

*Lee Martinelli – Burnside Vineyard – Sonoma Coast*

We have been delighted to work with Lee Martinelli for many years in other vineyards, so when he developed the Burnside Vineyard in 2002 and offered us a small amount of fruit, we jumped at it. Red Goldridge series soils mark Burnside Vineyard as a superb Pinot Noir site with a hillside orientation bending to the east for early morning sun exposure. Burnside Vineyard is planted entirely to the excellent Dijon clone 115, which has proven successful in several of California's top Pinot Noir vineyards.

**James Hall**  
Winemaker