



PATZ & HALL

## Wine Review Online

### 2007 Hyde Vineyard, Carneros Pinot Noir

“Hyde Vineyard has historically produced some of the most profound Pinots from the Carneros district, which has often been criticized as the home of too many lightweights. Not so this Hyde from Patz & Hall. The power and depth are evident from the pour, which reveals a densely colored Pinot that looks as rich and powerful as it tastes. Aromas of blueberry, raspberry and black cherry are layered and complex, supported by firm tannins and juicy acidity. This is a blockbuster Pinot no matter your stylistic preferences, for it has elegance and finesse that is a match for its raw energy and power.”

**97** Points

### 2007 Zio Tony Ranch, Russian River Chardonnay

“Superb structure and balance are the characteristics that give the Zio Tony Chardonnay its standout quality. This exceptional example of what California can produce with the Chardonnay grape when it's on its game delivers grand cru quality at a price that is, though spendy, still short of the price you might pay for a comparable white Burgundy. This vintage exhibits the scent of lemon creme and spice, with firm acidity that suggests this wine will age beautifully.”

**97** Points

### 2007 Pisoni Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir

“California wines above \$50 a bottle are supposed to be dead in the water in today's wine market. If that's the case, **I want to be buried alongside a case of Patz & Hall's Pisoni Pinot**. This stellar Monterey County vineyard, perhaps the most famous Pinot vineyard in the United States, sells its fruit to a number of producers. It is in extremely good hands with James Hall of Patz & Hall. James allows the Pisoni fruit to shine, and that in fact is the point of this vineyard. The grapes always come off the vines very ripe, but with the structure necessary to produce beautifully balanced wines that are both wonderful to drink now yet excellent candidates for extended time in the cellar.

**96** Points

This vintage offers concentrated aromas of blackberry, raspberry and strawberry, with hints of spice and a powerfully perfumed nose. It is long on the finish, with refined tannins that titillate rather than bite. Simply outstanding.”

### 2007 Chenoweth Ranch, Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

“Chenoweth Ranch has long been one of the stars of the Patz & Hall stable, and it's easy to see why. The grapes from this outstanding terroir in the cool Green Valley sub-region of the Russian River is perfect for the finicky Pinot Noir grape. What's more, despite the ultra-cool conditions, Chenoweth never fails to get the grapes ripe, but with refreshing acidity that preserves the natural elegance and fine, delicate aromas of the variety. This vintage yielded a wine of uncommon balance, with intense aromas of blueberry and cherry. It also shows a lovely spice note, and beautifully integrated tannins. Another fabulous showing from the truly outstanding Pinot vineyard.”

**96** Points

-Robert Whitley  
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