



PATZ & HALL

2006 ZIO TONY RANCH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: This site 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 adjacent 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: Reflecting the rich character of the small 2006 crop, this vintage of our ZIO TONY RANCH – Russian River Chardonnay has a silky, viscous texture that accentuates its sweet custard and caramelized sugar elements. Vibrant and fruity, this wine displays more lime, peach and lemon cream notes than in previous vintages, with a citrus oil emphasis that segues to a long, satisfying 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 filtering

Release Date: September 2007

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