



## PATZ & HALL

### 2005 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:** The 2005 ALDER SPRINGS VINEYARD Mendocino Pinot Noir exudes deep, nuanced aromatics of coffee, cocoa, mulling spices, cola and cedar box. Whether in your glass over the course of an evening, or in your cellar, this muscular, age-worthy wine has immense transformative qualities, as its tightly woven earth and dark fruit layers emerge to reveal themselves. From its chewy tannins, to its velvety finish, this is a true embodiment of high-mountain fruit.

**Winemaking:**

100% Pinot Noir fruit  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
*Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
60% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without filtration

**Bottling Date: August 2006**

**Release Date: September 2007**

### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*Stuart Bewley - Alder Springs Vineyard – Laytonville, Mendocino County*

Located on the high slopes of Chato 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