



PATZ & HALL

2005 CHENOWETH RANCH—RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: Like several of our finest vineyards, Chenoweth Ranch was originally cultivated as an apple orchard. Planted on the far western edge of the Russian River appellation, this beautiful 7-acre vineyard is located in Green Valley, one of the region's coolest areas, and is farmed exclusively for Patz & Hall. Though enjoying excellent sunlight from its slight south-facing orientation, the vineyard is sheltered by steep western hills, which protect the grapes from late-afternoon baking, while helping the fruit to retain lively natural acidity. This meticulously cared-for vineyard consistently produces fresh strawberry and Bing cherry flavors.

Tasting Notes: One of the stars of the 2005 vintage, our Chenoweth Ranch Pinot Noir offers classic Russian River red-fruit aromatics of cherry, strawberry and framboise liqueur. On the palate, these fetching high-tone aromas transform into pure varietal flavors of cranberry and ripe cherry. With plush tannins, good grip and bright acidity, this complex, concentrated wine will age beautifully.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir

Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)

100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

50% new Burgundian French oak barrels

Bottled without filtration

Bottling Date: August 2006

Release Date: September 2007

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Charlie & Bud Chenoweth- Chenoweth Ranch- Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Increasingly well known as one of California's preeminent vineyard managers, Charlie Chenoweth has developed this small Pinot Noir vineyard on a knoll above his family's homestead estate. Planted to five expressive Dijon clones in loamy Goldridge soil, we designated this site as a single-vineyard bottling in 2004. Through his Sonoma County vineyard development projects, Charlie Chenoweth has been able to bring us some superlative Pinot Noir fruit over the years for our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir blend.

James Hall
Winemaker