



PATZ & HALL

### **The Patz & Hall Family of Winegrowers**

#### **Gail, Steve and Joe Dutton – Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County**

In 1967, Warren Dutton planted the first Chardonnay field in far western Sonoma. Today, sons Steve and Joe Dutton, along with their mother Gail, carry on in Warren's pioneering footsteps running what is now one of Sonoma County's most successful vineyard operations. Recognized as one of the most important families in Sonoma County viticulture, the Duttons run a model, family-owned vineyard. Building on decades of experience, Steve and Joe are extremely hands on as they guide their remarkably skilled staff. In addition to their work in the vineyards, Steve is the co-founder of Dutton-Goldfield Winery, while Joe and Tracy Dutton have founded their own winery, Dutton Estate.

#### **Dutton Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County**

Dutton Ranch has long been considered one of the most highly regarded Sonoma County vineyards, and we have been crafting a Dutton Ranch bottling since 1998. To make this exceptional wine, we are able to choose from several acclaimed, old-vine blocks of Chardonnay. These coveted blocks are predominantly planted with California heirloom Chardonnay selections (Robert Young, Hyde-Wente, UC Davis Clone 4 and Spring Mountain). These selections offer extremely lifted, high-tone fruit flavors. In 2004, a section of Dutton Ranch known as Big John's was planted to several elite clones with Patz & Hall in mind.

#### **Larry Hyde and Family – Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley, California**

Hailed as "The Wise Man of Carneros" by *Wine Spectator*, Larry Hyde is one of California's legendary winegrowers and viticulturists. Prior to founding his own family vineyard in 1979, Larry worked for several highly regarded wineries including Ridge Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and Joseph Phelps. An industry visionary, with a passionate connection to his Carneros vineyard, Larry has helped to develop two of the most important grape selections in California: Hyde-Wente Chardonnay and Hyde-Calera Pinot Noir. Both selections are noted for their extremely low yields, primarily due to the very small berry size within each cluster and produce superbly delicious wines of intensity and finesse. In addition to his work guiding the cultivation of Hyde Vineyard, Larry has also developed his own world-class wine label, HdV, in partnership with Aubert de Villaine, a relative by marriage and one of the owners of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti.

#### **Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley, California**

Hyde Vineyard is justifiably considered one of the superstar vineyards in Carneros. Purchased in 1979, and planted two years later, this 179-acre property is cultivated as 44 distinct blocks. Adding to the depth and character of this iconic site, Hyde Vineyard is planted to 10 types of Pinot Noir and six varieties of Chardonnay. Of these, the Hyde-Wente Chardonnay and Hyde-Calera Pinot Noir were isolated by Larry and are widely considered two of the finest selections in California viticulture. Representing one of the defining vineyards in our portfolio, we have been fortunate to work with fruit from Hyde since 1990 and have crafted single vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay bottlings since 1996.

Reflecting our long relationship with Larry, several sections of this world-class vineyard have been planted exclusively for Patz & Hall.

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

As the inventor of the wine cooler, and the owner of California Coolers in the 1970s, Stuart Bewley helped to introduce a new generation and a wider new audience to the world of wine. After selling California Coolers, Stuart began exploring the possibility of owning his own high-end vineyard. To this end, Stuart spent two years traveling California, looking at potential vineyard properties and speaking with winemakers and viticulturists. He finally found what he was looking for on the hillsides of Mendocino County, near the town of Laytonville, where he founded Alder Springs Vineyard in 1993. Since the very beginning, Stuart has been hands-on in every aspect of the viticultural program. From the initial planting on he has worked to establish Alder Springs as one of the finest vineyards in Mendocino County.

### **Alder Springs Vineyard, Laytonville, Mendocino County**

Located on the high slopes of northern Mendocino County at 2,100 feet above sea level, Alder Springs Vineyard is owned by Stuart Bewley, who is dedicated to growing first-rate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Situated near the town of Laytonville, the vineyard lies within 12 miles of the Pacific Ocean and possesses extremely low vigor soils. The Chardonnay clones are mainly from France, and focus on clones 95, 96, 76 and 809, while the Pinot Noir plantings we use emphasize clones 114, 115 and 777. In addition to his original plantings, Stu has cultivated new vineyard sections specifically for Patz & Hall, including a new selection of Hyde-Wente Chardonnay. The Chardonnay from Alder Springs is consistently notable for its texture, concentration and ethereal aromatics, while the Pinot Noir offers a concentrated, complex and highly structured mountain-fruit incarnation of the varietal. We have been producing single vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir bottlings from this great vineyard since 1997.

### **Charlie Chenoweth – Chenoweth Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County**

The Chenoweth family established their homestead estate in Green Valley in the early 1800s. Owned and farmed by Charlie Chenoweth, this longtime apple orchard was planted to Pinot Noir in 2000. Increasingly well known as one of California's preeminent vineyard managers, Charlie has earned recognition for his talent as a farmer, and for his collaborative approach to viticulture. In this spirit, we were pleased to work alongside Charlie during the planting of Chenoweth Ranch. Ever conscious of his family's name on the vineyard, and on our single-vineyard Pinot Noir bottlings from Chenoweth Ranch, Charlie puts his heart and soul into the cultivation of his family's exceptional Russian River Valley Vineyard.

### **Chenoweth Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County**

This small Pinot Noir vineyard is located on a knoll above the Chenoweth family's homestead estate in Green Valley. Planted exclusively for Patz & Hall in 2000, we worked with viticulturist Charlie Chenoweth to select an assortment of Dijon clones perfectly suited for this site. These clones excel in the Russian River Valley, and when grown in Chenoweth Ranch's Goldridge sandy loam soils, help to produce a wine that is both complex and complete. Because it is a warm site, in the coolest region of the Russian River Valley, the fruit at Chenoweth develops signature bright fruit flavors, a soft unctuous quality, and enticing cranberry and cherry aromatics. This delicious fruit is grown exclusively for Patz & Hall. We were proud to craft our first single-vineyard bottling from this exceptional young vineyard in 2004.

### **Gary, Mark and Jeff Pisoni – Pisoni Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County**

Like several of the winegrowers we work with, Gary Pisoni comes from a multigenerational farming background. After World War II, Gary's father Eddy became a row crop farmer in the Salinas Valley, and members of the Pisoni family are still dedicated farmers today, cultivating approximately 400 acres of vegetables (predominantly Romaine lettuce, but also carrots and broccoli). As respected as they are as vegetable farmers, the Pisonis have become almost legendary as winegrowers. After traveling to Europe and learning about winemaking and viticulture, Gary Pisoni planted Pisoni Vineyard in the late 1980s. A longtime home winemaker, and a gifted winegrower, Gary has turned a passion for Pinot into one of California's most coveted and acclaimed vineyard properties. Like Gary himself, grapes from Pisoni Vineyard possess a memorably appealing, exuberant and hedonistic charm.

### **Pisoni Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County**

Pisoni Vineyard is an iconic site, located in the far southern hills of the Santa Lucia Highlands, which run along the western edge of the Salinas Valley in Monterey County. Situated on a long sloping hillside facing east and southeast above the main valley, Pisoni Vineyard is unquestionably one of Monterey County's defining sites. This is a cool area, perfect for the unique clone of Pinot Noir grown by the Pisonis. The Pisonis are one of California's most gifted winegrowing families, and this vineyard has a well-deserved reputation for producing Pinot Noir grapes that possess an almost otherworldly level of power and flavor. The first planting of Pinot Noir went in the ground at Pisoni Vineyard in the early 1980s, and we are fortunate to source our fruit from this coveted "Old Field." The source for one of our most acclaimed single-vineyard bottlings, we have been crafting vineyard-designated wine from Pisoni since 1997.

### **Lee Hudson – Hudson Vineyard, Carneros**

Lee Hudson is one of those great growers who is in the vineyard everyday, overseeing all the details that define exceptional winegrowing. Adding to our pleasure when working with Lee is the fact that he's a charming and gregarious person who also knows how to throw a great party. Simply put, Lee is passionate about what he does. This passion goes all the way back to the founding of Hudson Vineyard, when Lee purchased the land to stop it from becoming a condominium development. That act of conservation and generosity has resulted in a phenomenal vineyard.

### **Hudson Vineyard, Carneros**

Hudson Vineyard was founded by Lee Hudson in the 1980s. Widely considered one of the grand cru sites in Carneros, we had been hoping to work with fruit from Hudson Vineyard for years when the opportunity finally presented itself in 2005. Today, we are fortunate to share a prized block with Lee himself. Hudson Vineyard is located in a small valley, in a cool section of Carneros. The location offers some shelter from the wind. Our 4-acre block of the vineyard features well-drained Haire loam soils and is planted to two clones, Dijon 95 and the Hudson-Wente selection (which as the name implies, was isolated by Lee himself). The vines reflect modern viticultural thinking, with close spaced rows designed to produce low yields of intensely flavored fruit. The Hudson-Wente fruit is thick and textured with a pear-apple, leesy-hazelnut quality, while the Dijon 95 clone (which we harvest at lower sugars) displays vibrant acidity and fresh aromatics of lime peel, pear and honey. Adding to the appeal of this great vineyard is the fact that it is predominantly farmed using sustainable, and organic techniques. We bottled our first single-vineyard wine (wine-club only) from Hudson Vineyard in 2005.

### **Lee and George Martinelli - Zio Tony Ranch, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County & Burnside Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

Five generations of the Martinelli family have grown grapes in California. This storied viticultural history goes back to 1887, when winemaker Giuseppe Martinelli left his village in the Tuscany region of Italy to start a new life as a winegrower in the United States. Since then, the Martinelli family have earned respect and acclaim for their commitment and expertise growing premium grapes in the Russian River Valley, and more recently on the Sonoma Coast. Today, the Martinelli vineyards are managed by viticulturists Lee and George Martinelli, who continue building on the family's legacy of excellence, with their meticulous approach to vineyard care.

### **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. Like many of our finest vineyards, Zio Tony Ranch was originally an apple orchard. Enjoying a classic Russian River Valley climate, and ideal Goldridge soils, our blocks of this vineyard have proven ideal for the cultivation of Dijon clones 76 and 95. Helping to elevate quality to an even higher level, the Martinellis farm Zio Tony with absolute precision. From pruning to shoot selection, thinning, and even the way they move the trellis wires, the viticultural program at Zio Tony reflects generations of farming experience, and produces beautifully balanced vines. As a result, the fruit from this vineyard is exceptional, consistently producing wines with lush mouthfeel, high acidity and delicious flavors of honey, peach and apricot. We have been pleased to craft a single-vineyard Chardonnay from Zio Tony since the 2003 vintage. Fruit from Zio Tony Ranch is also used by the Martinelli family's own, Martinelli Winery.

### **Burnside Vineyard, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County**

We have been delighted to work with Lee Martinelli for many years in other vineyards, so when he developed Burnside Vineyard and offered us a small amount of fruit, we jumped at the chance. A former apple orchard, Burnside Vineyard is relatively close to the Petaluma Gap, which provides a major cooling influence on the site. Classic Goldridge series soils, and a hillside orientation bending to the east for early morning sun exposure, also mark Burnside Vineyard as a superb Pinot Noir site. Burnside Vineyard is planted to an assortment of clones, including Dijon clone 115, 667 and Calera. When grown at this cool site, these clone yields small clusters that produce a dark and plush expression of Pinot Noir with chocolate, licorice and mulled fruit elements.

### **Bill Price – Gap's Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast**

Bill Price has been a significant figure in the California wine industry since he purchased Beringer Wine Estates in 1996. After selling Beringer in 2000, Bill remained active in the wine business, buying a stake in Kistler in 2008, and founding Vincraft soon after. Through Vincraft, Bill is a partner in Three Sticks, Gary Farrell, Price Chanin and Durell Vineyard. In 2013, Bill purchased Gap's Crown, which has become the cornerstone of his vineyard portfolio.

### **Gap's Crown Vineyard, Sonoma Coast**

One of the Sonoma Coast's great emerging vineyards, Gap's Crown was first planted to Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 2002. Located in the foothills of the Sonoma Mountain, high above the Petaluma Gap, it offers a variety of soil types at elevations ranging from 300 to 800 feet above sea level. The two sections we work with feature Goulding series soils, with some heavier clay on the flank of the mountain. Interspersed with gravel and volcanic rocks,

these soils are extremely well-drained, and coupled with the site's wind and fog, help to ensure low yields. The vineyard's cool conditions make Gap's Crown one of the last vineyards we harvest each vintage. The site is meticulously farmed by Atlas Vineyard Management, with an eye towards the highest quality. Fruit from Gap's Crown's has become a key part of both our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir and Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. We bottled our first Gap's Crown vineyard-designate wine in 2007.

### **Mark Sanchietti – Sanchietti Vineyard & Pleasant Hill Vineyard, Sonoma Coast**

A fourth generation Sonoma County farmer, Mark Sanchietti is the son of renowned winegrower Mel Sanchietti. Mark learned his craft from Mel and grew up working in his family's orchards and vineyard, before earning a degree in agricultural business from Cal Poly. In 2007, Mark and his wife, Jenny, who also holds a degree in agricultural business from Cal Poly, founded Sanchietti Farming. Mark quickly established a reputation as a rising star in the next generation of Sonoma County winegrowers, respected for his viticultural know-how and his absolute dedication to growing the best grapes. In 2008, at the recommendation of the Dutton family, Patz & Hall began working with Mark. Since then, Mark has become one of our most important grower partners, planting Two Dryers Vineyard exclusively for Patz & Hall, as well as a 9-acre block of Pleasant Hill Vineyard. In 2012, the Sonoma County Harvest Fair named Mark the year's "Outstanding Young Farmer." Mark currently serves on the board of directors for the Sonoma County Winegrowers Association.

### **Two Dryers Vineyard, Sonoma Coast**

Located west of Sebastopol on the Bodega Highway, Two Dryers Vineyard was planted in 2009 exclusively to our selection of clones, rootstocks and trellising by vineyard manager and viticulturist Mark Sanchietti. Originally an apple orchard, it is named for the two old apple dryers that can still be found at the vineyard. This exquisite 12-acre property features some of the finest Goldridge sandy loam soils that we have ever seen. It is planted on an east-facing slope, in a location where the fog tends to dissipate earlier, ensuring lovely morning sunshine. The site includes clones 115, 459, 667 and 828 of Pinot Noir. The wines from Two Dryers are consistently rich, supple and spicy. We began incorporating Two Dryers into our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir in 2011 and made our first Two Dryers vineyard-designated Pinot Noir in 2012. With the 2016 vintage we have renamed this wine Sanchietti Vineyard to better reflect Mark's exceptional contribution to growing this great Pinot Noir.

### **Pleasant Hill Vineyard, Sonoma Coast**

Mark Sanchietti planted our 9-acre section of Pleasant Hill Vineyard for us in 2010. Located relatively close to Freestone, it is a cool site, with a slight southeast exposure that brings the welcome warmth of morning sunshine. With its cool climate, and deep Goldridge sandy-loam soils, Pleasant Hill Vineyard is ideal for Chardonnay. In collaboration with Mark, we selected three different clones of Chardonnay for the site: Clone 17 (Robert Young), Hyde-Wente and Clone 76. Meticulously grown by Mark, these clones produce a vivid and poised expression of Chardonnay, with excellent acidity and pure varietal favors. We began using grapes from Pleasant Hill Vineyard in our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay beginning in 2013.