



PATZ & HALL

2020 SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY



VINTAGE NOTES

The year began with a very dry winter, leaving some vineyards with reduced water for the growing season. This translated into smaller berries, adding extra intensity to the aromas and flavors of the 2020 wines. The harvest at Patz & Hall wrapped up in late September, making it the earliest end of picking in my 30+ years of winemaking. Though 2020 produced record small yields, the quality was remarkable, with most vineyards producing wines of depth, intensity, and dramatic concentration. The Chardonnays are showing intricate aromatics and deep flavors while the Pinot Noirs show very dark and concentrated flavors with developed tannins. Overall, I'm very pleased with the strength and vitality of the 2020 wines and believe they have a long life in the cellar ahead of them.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 offering is a collection of eighteen single-vineyard quality sites that could all be bottled as single source bottlings; five blocks of Dutton Ranch, various blocks of Sanchiotti Vineyard, Gap's Crown Vineyard, Zio Tony Ranch, Parmelee-Hill Vineyard, and Durell Vineyard. The wine has inviting aromas of summer melon, marzipan, fennel, lemon drop candy, and fresh peach. Toasted almond-toffee and clove round out the refreshing acidity on the finish giving the wine great poise, balance, and energy.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Chardonnay fruit
- 100% Whole cluster pressed
- 100% indigenous yeast fermentations
- Sur lie aged with regular stirring
- 100% malolactic fermentation in barrel
- 29% new Burgundian French oak barrels, aged for 9 months.
- Sterile filtered at bottling

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Building on the belief that great wines capture the essence of great vineyards, for three decades Patz & Hall has been seeking out the very best small, family-owned Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards in California. Over the years, this exploration has taken us ever-further west as the Sonoma Coast has emerged as California's preeminent winegrowing regions for Burgundian varietals. Incorporating grapes from such renowned vineyards as Gap's Crown, Sanchiotti Vineyard, Zio Tony Ranch, Dutton Ranch, Parmelee-Hill Vineyard and Durell Vineyard, this wine spotlights the structure and sophistication of its cool-climate origins, with the unmistakable purity of fruit and elegant acidity that defines exceptional Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.


JAMES HALL | Winemaker

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