



PATZ & HALL

# 2018 SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR



## VINTAGE NOTES

The weather in 2018 was spectacular, making this another exceptionally fine vintage for Sonoma County. A near record long growing season, with plenty of cool days, punctuated with sunny and warm patches allowed flavors and textures to mature fully. Crop levels were above average, with many sites producing the best crops in years. The acidity levels are higher than normal, with perfectly ripened fruit. Though the year was cool, the fruit was very clean and high quality. A vintage to remember!

## TASTING NOTES

Eighteen small, independent family-owned vineyard sites come together in this gorgeous display of Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. This is an approachable Pinot Noir showing alluring freshness and purity. The nose displays intense aromas of Bing cherry, strawberry, dried rose petal and licorice notes. Nicely dense and full on the palate, the fresh acidity and bright red fruit flavors resolve on a juicy, detailed finish. This 2018 offering has the essential elegance, purity and complexity that defines great Pinot Noir.

## WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (native yeast, followed by cultured yeast)
- 10% whole cluster added
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (45% new; 55% 1-2-year old)
- Bottled without filtration to preserve the wine's aromas and flavors and enhance aging potential

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## THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

To craft our Patz & Hall SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR, we source grapes from a selection of California's most renowned winegrowing families. The Dutton family provides us with fruit from several of their small vineyard sites. Gap's Crown Vineyard, Charlie Chenoweth, Mark Sanchiotti, Lee Martinelli and Steve Hill also contribute superb quality fruit to this complex blend of vineyard sites and clones. In addition, to achieve our goal of producing a Pinot Noir that embodies the depth, structure and vibrant fruit flavors of the Sonoma Coast, we continually seek out new, single-vineyard-caliber Pinot Noir sites to add to this delicious cuvée.

  
JAMES HALL | *Winemaker*

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ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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