



PATZ & HALL

2009 SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

Tasting Notes: Our 2009 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay embodies the rich diversity of world-class vineyards in the acclaimed Sonoma Coast appellation, and the talents of the gifted winegrowers who farm these sites. Combining fruit from a who's who of the appellation's most renowned vineyards, this cuvée harmoniously brings together the acidity, structure and stone fruit flavors of grapes grown on the windswept slopes of Gap's Crown Vineyard, the crème brulee and graham cracker elements of Durell Vineyard, the high-tone green apple and Muscat character of Dutton Ranch's heirloom clones and Zio Tony Ranch's lush and appealing tropical flavors. The natural richness and mouthcoating density of the 2009 vintage is supported by sophisticated hints of minerality and a refreshing structure that adds length and focus.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole cluster pressed
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
40% new Burgundian French oak barrels

Release date: March 2011

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Building on the belief that great wines capture the essence of great vineyards, for over two 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, Dutton Ranch, Zio Tony Ranch and Durell Vineyard, this wine spotlights the structure and sophistication of its cool-climate origins, with the unmistakable purity of fruit that defines exceptional Sonoma Coast Chardonnay.

James Hall
Winemaker