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PATZ & HALL WINERY

One of California's most highly regarded wineries, Patz & Hall celebrates nearly thirty years of producing single-vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from many of the state's best vineyard properties.



Started almost thirty years ago in Napa Valley, Patz & Hall is the product of four talented friends, each with a passion for wine and a desire to make the best vineyard-designated wines possible. Donald Patz was the national marketing manager at Flora Springs Winery when he and his wife Heather approached friends James Hall and Anne Moses with the idea of creating their own label - they named it 'Project X.'

James Hall was the winemaker at Honig Cellars and a former co-worker of Donald's at Flora Springs, while Anne Moses brought years of experience to the table, serving as the enologist for Far Niente and Spring Mountain wineries. Together, the four friends made the most of their varied wine industry experiences and turned Patz & Hall into one of California's most highly regarded wineries.

Patz & Hall was built on a classic Burgundian model, focusing on small-lot, barrel-by-barrel winemaking of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, with fruit sourced from some of the region's smallest, and most desirable vineyard sites. The first release came in 1988 with 400 cases of single-vineyard Chardonnay.

Patz & Hall made an immediate impression on the consuming public and earned critical acclaim from a number of the nation's wine press publications. The winery had quickly established itself as one to watch.

Little has changed in today's updated version of Patz & Hall - the business has steadily grown and stabilized to around 30,000 cases and the portfolio now includes some fifteen different wines: seven Pinot Noirs and eight Chardonnays, each with a specific focus and distinctive flavor profile.

The company has also remained true to its original founding philosophy of producing rich, complex wines from low-yielding, cool climate vineyards located in a number of appellations throughout California. Patz & Hall wines are all made at the winery's state-of-the-art facility, which was designed exclusively for producing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The winery opened its doors in 2007.

The four founding members still share duties at the winery as well. While James Hall is responsible for winemaking, Donald Patz oversees the national sales and marketing functions, and Anne Moses serves as the company's president, handles sales in all-important California, and doubles as an enologist. Heather Patz handles all office chores as well as the ever-present compliance issues that always follow wineries. Their exceptional teamwork has certainly helped with the winery's success.

We are delighted to feature Patz & Hall to our *Pinot Noir Series* members.

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER



Since the winery's inception in 1988, founder and winemaker James Hall has guided the Patz & Hall winemaking program, instill it with his own boldness, imagination and trademark perfectionism. Combining his belief in great viticulture, traditional winemaking practices, and the use of innovative techniques, James has earned a reputation for crafting dramatic benchmark Chardonnay and Pinot Noirs that balance vibrant power with vineyard-inspired depth and sophistication.

James developed an early appreciation for fine wine during family travels to Europe in the late 1960's and after studying winemaking at UC Davis, spent many years in the industry developing his expertise. He has helped turn Patz & Hall into one of California's most celebrated artisan wineries.

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