



PATZ & HALL

## 2008 ZIO TONY RANCH - RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

**Vineyard Character:** This site, located on Frei Road in the heart of Russian River Valley, is owned by the Martinelli family and is farmed by George Martinelli, the youngest in a distinguished family of Sonoma County viticultural masters. Our two parcels are planted to Dijon Chardonnay clones, on well-drained, low-vigor, Goldridge sandy loam soils. These iron-rich, reddish soils consistently produce fruit with great structure and acidity.

**Tasting Notes:** Like many of the 2008 Chardonnays, there is a lovely purity and fresh, youthful intensity to our Zio Tony Ranch – Russian River Valley Chardonnay. This vibrant style, highlighting the vineyard’s signature elements of succulent peach, mango, honeysuckle and butter crust, make this wine one of the early standouts of the vintage. A wine with energy and poise, Zio Tony’s naturally high acids dance with the sweet fruit elements and mouthcoating texture to create a complex and rewarding drinking experience.

### **Winemaking:**

100% Chardonnay fruit  
Whole cluster pressed  
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)  
*Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
50% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without filtration

**Release Date: March 2010**

### **THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS**

*George Martinelli - 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. The vineyard has the famous Goldridge soil, and our parcels are located on top of a gentle sloping hill. The grapes are a roughly equal combination of Dijon clones 76 and 95.

**James Hall**  
**Winemaker**