

1998
PAUL HOBBS
CHARDONNAY
WALKER STATION VINEYARD

VINEYARD

- ◆ OWNER/MGR: WALKER FAMILY/HARRY WALKER
- ◆ APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY/GREEN VALLEY
- ◆ CLONES: OLD WENTE CLONE, SMALL CLUSTER SELECTION
- ◆ AGE: 26 YEARS
- ◆ SITE: SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSURE, BLUCHER GRAVELLY CLAY LOAM
- ◆ YIELD: 2.5 TONS/ACRE

HARVEST

- ◆ HARVEST DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 1998
- ◆ HARVEST BRIX: 23.7°
- ◆ GROWING SEASON: AN EARLY SPRING IN THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SET A LARGE CROP, REQUIRING EXTENSIVE WORK IN THE VINEYARD TO MANAGE THE YIELD FOR OPTIMUM FLAVOR INTENSITY AND RICHNESS IN THE GRAPES. COOL WEATHER IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER EXTENDED THE HARVEST PROVIDING FOR ENHANCED FLAVOR DEVELOPMENT

WINEMAKING

- ◆ HAND HARVESTED GRAPES
- ◆ WHOLE CLUSTER, DIRECT TO PRESS
- ◆ BARREL FERMENTED WITH INDIGENOUS YEAST, 30 DAYS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ CONCURRENT NATIVE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN BARRELS
- ◆ BARREL AGED 14 MONTHS, 75% NEW FRENCH OAK, *SUR LIES* AND STIRRED
- ◆ BOTTLED UNFINED, UNFILTERED DECEMBER 1999

TASTING NOTES

- ◆ THE FIRST SWIRL OF YOUR GLASS REVEALS INTRIGUING AROMAS OF STONE FRUITS, OATMEAL, TOAST, AND CINNAMON. RICHLY LAYERED FLAVORS OF APRICOT, PEACH, AND LEMON-PEEL FILL THE PALATE, WHILE A CRISP MINERAL EDGE ENHANCES THE LIVELINESS. THIS IS A POWERFUL, RICH, CONCENTRATED, AND WELL-BALANCED WINE. ALCOHOL 14.6%.

310 CASES PRODUCED