

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2009 PINOT NOIR ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Ulises Valdez
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selection: Calera
- Vine Age: Planted in 2001
- Site: Contoured with northern and southern exposure; Sebastopol series Goldridge yellow and sandy clay loam soils
- Yield: 1.9 tons/acre

### HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 18
- Harvest Brix: 25.4°
- Growing Season: 2009 began with an abundance of spring rain followed by mild, steady summer temperatures that set the stage for nearly ideal pinot noir and chardonnay growing conditions. The well-set fruit ripened slowly allowing for an excellent balance of sugars and acids to develop. The resulting wines can be characterized as elegant and rich with profound depth and structure.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5 day cold soak, 16 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Concurrent, spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 67% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2011

### NOTES

- Cerise in color, this stately pinot noir is a quintessential portrait of assertiveness and refinement in harmony. Aromas of black cherry, violets, and white pepper lead to a firmly structured velvety palate exploding with dark fruits, spice, cola, and subtle notes of almond oil. A seductive finish intertwines oak and firm tannins with balanced acidity for a long memorable finish. Alcohol 14.4%