

PAUL HOBBS

2010 CHARDONNAY ELLEN LANE ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

INAUGURAL VINTAGE

VINEYARD

- Owners/Mgr: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selection: Hyde Wente
- Planted: 2007
- Site: Hillside, Blucher and Josephine soil series; gravel and clay loam
- Yield: 1.6 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 8
- Harvest Brix: 24.4°
- Growing Season: 2010 began with a wet winter and spring across Sonoma County. Summer was cool, though as harvest approached temperatures rose. Our pinot noir and chardonnay ripened fully and evenly, allowing sugars and acid to develop in balance. The wines from 2010 are bright, expressive and elegant.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Whole cluster, direct to press, cold
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts; 4 months to completion
- Concurrent spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 60% new
- Aged *sur lies*; biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2012

NOTES

- In 2007 and 2008 we carefully replanted the vineyard previously known as Walker Station and renamed our hillside gem Ellen Lane Estate. Our inaugural vintage of Ellen Lane Estate chardonnay is a glistening light straw in color and displays lively aromas of lychee and white peach. On the palate, the expansive layers of the wine unfold to reveal limestone, minerality, lemon rind and mandarin oil. Alcohol 14.4%