

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2010 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Properties: Bellflower, Fraenkle, Gap's Crown, Lindsay Estate, Ulises Valdez, Walker Station
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selections: Swan, Beba, d115, 667, 777, Calera
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; Sebastopol series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Yields: 1.7 – 3.8 tons/acre

### HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: September 28 – October 12
- Harvest Brix: 24.6° – 25.4°
- 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
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 4-7 day cold soak, 15 day average total maceration
- Direct to press; 2.5% whole cluster
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 11 months in small French oak barrels; 48% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2011

### NOTES

- Deep ruby in color, this complex pinot noir offers aromas of wild berries, rose petals, cola and tobacco. The silky, supple palate is brimming with raspberry, caramel *fleur de sel*, lavender, cardamom; all supported with a mineral backbone. Alcohol 14.4%