

PAUL HOBBS

2010 PINOT NOIR ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Manager: Ulises Valdez
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selection: Calera
- Planted: 2001; high density
- Site: Contoured with northern and southern exposure; Sebastopol series Goldridge yellow and sandy clay loam soils
- Yield: 2.7 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 30
- Harvest Brix: 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
- 5-day cold soak, 16 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Concurrent, spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 62% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2012

NOTES

- Intense garnet in color, this stately pinot noir is sturdy in both assertiveness and refinement. Aromas of black cherry, cola and violet lead to a structured palate dense with blueberries, blackberries, spice and tea leaf. The lengthy finish is punctuated with anise and finely grained yet ample firm tannins. Alcohol 14.8%