

PAUL HOBBS

2010 PINOT NOIR KATHERINE LINDSAY ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selections: Calera, Swan
- Vine Age: Planted in 2000
- Site: Multiple exposures; Goldridge sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly soils
- Yield: 2.2 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: October 3 to 4
- Harvest Brix: 25.0°
- 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, 15 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Direct to press; 6% whole cluster
- Native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in small French oak barrels; 64% new
- Unblended, unfinned and unfiltered; bottled January 2012

NOTES

- Deep ruby in color, our Katherine Lindsay Estate Pinot Noir is perfumed with clove, Bing cherry and clean earth. The palate is firmly structured, opening with perfectly ripened raspberry and blackberry that yield to luscious dark chocolate and vanilla bean. Notes of thyme and bergamot tantalize the mid-palate. Firm yet velvety tannins and a touch of clove linger over a lengthy finish. Alcohol 14.5%