

PAUL HOBBS

2011 CHARDONNAY ELLEN LANE ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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: 2.2 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 21
- Harvest Brix: 23.8°
- Growing Season: 2011 began with a wet winter and spring across Sonoma and Napa Counties. Summer was warm, and as harvest approached temperatures rose. Our chardonnay ripened fully and evenly, allowing sugars and acid to develop in balance. The wines from 2011 are bright, expressive and faceted.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Whole cluster, direct to press, cold
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts; 6 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 2013

NOTES

- Formerly known as Walker Station, our Ellen Lane Estate chardonnay is a glistening light straw in color and displays lively aromas of lychee and white peach. The palate is racy and pure with vibrant acidity. Expansive layers unfold to reveal limestone, minerality, lemon zest and mandarin oil, which lead to a striking and memorable finish. Alcohol 14.3%