

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2011 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Properties: Katherine Lindsay Estate, Bellflower, Fraenkle, Gap's Crown, Ulises Valdez, Walker Station
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selections: Beba, Calera, d115, 667, 777
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; Sebastopol series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Yields: 1.4 – 3.4 tons/acre

### HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: September 22 – October 19
- Harvest Brix: 24.5° – 25.2°
- 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 pinot noir 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
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-6 day cold soak, 15-17 day average total maceration
- Direct to press; 2.5% whole cluster
- Voluntary malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 11 months in small French oak barrels; 45% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2012

### NOTES

- Deep violet in color, this lush pinot noir carries expressive aromas of wild berries, rose petals and cola. The palate, silky and balanced, explodes with dark raspberry, plum, clove and cocoa. Ripe currant and blackberry harmonize over a long, toasty finish supported by round tannins. Alcohol 14.5%