

PAUL HOBBS

2011 PINOT NOIR ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Manager: Ulises Valdez
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selection: Calera
- Planted: 2001
- Site: Contoured with northern and southern exposure; Sebastopol series Goldridge yellow and sandy clay loam soils
- Yield: 3.1 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 30
- Harvest Brix: 24.8°
- 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 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-day cold soak, 16 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Direct to press; 5.8% whole cluster
- Concurrent, voluntary malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 63% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2013

NOTES

- Dense dark plum in color, this bold pinot noir is both assertive and refined. Aromas of violets and dark red fruits lead to a firmly structured velvety palate dense with blackberry, ripe black cherry, exotic spices, cola and tea. Finely grained, firm tannins and silky dark fruits linger on the palate for an expressive and memorable finish. Alcohol 14.4%