

PAUL HOBBS

2011 CHARDONNAY ROSS STATION ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

INAUGURAL VINTAGE

VINEYARD

- Owners/Mgr: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selection: Wente
- Planted: 2008
- Site: 7.5 hillside acres with southern exposure; sandy-loam, Goldridge soil
- Yield: 2.6 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 28
- Harvest Brix: 24.2°
- Growing Season: 2011 began with a rainy winter and spring across Sonoma and Napa Counties. Summer was cooler than average but 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; 5 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 64% new
- Aged *sur lies*; biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2013

NOTES

- These vines grow under the thoughtful watch of the Ross family farmhouse, built in the late 1850's. Originally planted to grape vines and peach trees, the property's gently rolling hills provide a nurturing environment for our vines. Opalescent pale straw in color, a bouquet of ripe pear, apple blossoms and freshly cut white flowers fill the glass. The rich, full palate boasts peach, juniper berry and smoky lees, balanced by lemon zest. These succulent flavors reign over a lingering mineral finish. Alcohol 14.3%