

PAUL HOBBS

2012 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: 2.3 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 29 & October 3
- Harvest Brix: 24.0°
- Growing Season: 2012 has been described by many as “textbook perfect,” with both yields and quality being well above average. The growing season was long and mild, leading to even ripening, and harvest was completed before the first storm of the season arrived in late October. The wines from 2012 are expressive, balanced and delicious!

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Whole cluster, direct to press, cold
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts; 8 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 11 months in French oak barrels; 57% new
- Aged *sur lies*; biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2014

NOTES

- Formerly known as Walker Station, our Ellen Lane Estate Chardonnay has been described by Robert Parker as the “grand cru Chablis” of our portfolio. This elegant wine intrigues with aromatics of lychee, white peach, and thyme. The mineral-driven, balanced finish is preempted by flavors of pomaceous fruits, hazelnuts and honeyed phyllo dough. Alcohol 14.3%