

PAUL HOBBS

2012 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, Swan, d115, 667, 777, d114
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; Sebastopol series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Yields: 2.9 – 4.4 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: September 17 – October 12
- Harvest Brix: 24.6° – 25.5°
- 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
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermenters with indigenous yeasts
- 5-6 day cold soak, 15-17 day average total maceration
- Direct to press; 3% whole cluster
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 11 months in small French oak barrels; 47% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2013

NOTES

- Deep violet in color, this lush yet stately pinot noir seduces with aromas of black raspberry, violets, saffras, clove and cocoa butter. Juicy red fruits, earl gray tea, hazelnut and damp red clay flavors complement its velvet-like texture and very long finish. Alcohol 14.5%