

PAUL HOBBS

2012 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: 2.9 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 29
- Harvest Brix: 24.9°
- 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 fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 16 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Direct to press; 6% whole cluster
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 62% new
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2014

NOTES

- This masculine pinot noir displays a brilliant aubergine color and enticing aromas of black cherry, violets, clove and gingerbread. The flavors are layered, savory and succulent, and include brandied black cherries, pie crust, loamy soils, and coastal forest floor. The finish is long, generous and balanced. Alcohol 14.4%