

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2012 SYRAH KICK RANCH VINEYARD SONOMA COUNTY

### VINEYARD

- Owners: Richard & Katherine Keenan
- Clonal Selection: Hermitage, 470
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2001
- Soils: Gravelly clay loam, exposed red volcanic soil on hillside
- Exposure: Southern
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

- Summary: The 2012 growing season has been described by many as “textbook perfect”. Temperate summer days moderated plant growth, contributing to smaller cluster and berry size during lag phase, leading to increased concentration of flavors. An idyllic Indian summer finished the maturation process, producing fruit with exceptional character and intensity.
- Harvest Date: October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Harvest Brix: 25.7°

### WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested at night
- Hand sorted, cold; no whole cluster inclusion
- 6 day cold soak, 23 days total maceration
- Fermented with indigenous yeasts in small, open-top, stainless steel tanks
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels, 58% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Marques, Gauthier
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2014

### NOTES

- This deep crimson colored syrah seduces with aromas of blackberry, smoked meats, plum, crushed rock, tar, lavender and freshly ground black pepper. Bold and full bodied, the wine coats the palate with flavors of boysenberry, leather, and vanilla, with chewy, ripe tannins carrying through the long finish. Alcohol 14.3%