

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2013 CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Properties: Ross Station Estate, Edward James Estate, Ellen Lane Estate, O'Connor, Ulises Valdez
- Appellation: Russian River Valley
- Clonal Selections: Wente, Bato, Calera, 15, Mt. Eden
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; soils all derived from weathered sandstone including Goldridge Series, brown sandy loam and sandy clay
- Yields: 2.3 – 4.5 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2013 was a phenomenal growing season in just about every way. A warm, dry spring led to early bud break, limited canopy vigor and berry size, and created ideal conditions through bloom and fruit set. An abundance of long sunny days, with only one heat spike in early July, resulted in even ripening and an early harvest with exceptional flavor development. The 2013 vintage offers very high quality wines that are striking in their balance and expression.
- Harvest Date: September 6<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Harvest Brix: 23.3°

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested; picked at night
- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel fermented with indigenous yeasts; 4 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 12 months in French Oak barrels; 47% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères, Marques, Gauthier, Remond
- Aged *sur lies* with biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2015

### NOTES

- This blend of top Russian River Valley vineyards displays a brilliant golden color and aromas of white flowers, baked pear tart, nectarine and toasted almond shortbread. The palate is full-bodied with flavors of Asian guava and key lime. The lengthy finish and bright acidity leaves you asking for more. Alcohol 14.1%