

PAUL HOBBS

2013 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Properties: Katherine Lindsay Estate, Ulises Valdez, Fraenkle, Bellflower, Walker Station
- Clonal Selection: Beba, Calera, Swan, d115, 667, 777, d114
- Soils: Sebastopol series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Exposure: Various sites and exposures
- Yield: 3.9 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 9th – October 4th
- Harvest Brix: 25.0°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 4% whole cluster
- 5-day cold soak, 15 day maceration
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- Gentle punchdowns and pumpovers
- Aged 15 months in French Oak barrels; 44% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères, Marques, Remond
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2014

NOTES

- Highlighting the terroir of the Russian River Valley, this deep ruby colored wine has aromas of cherry, raspberry, cola, forest floor and vanilla. Rich and round in the mouth, the fine tannins and fresh acidity give a long, generous finish. Alcohol 14.3%