

PAUL HOBBS

2013 PINOT NOIR ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Ulises Valdez
- Clonal Selection: Calera, Beba
- Rootstock: 420a, 101-14
- Plant Date: 2001
- Soils: Sebastopol Series Goldridge; yellow and sandy clay loam soils
- Exposure: Contoured northern and southern exposures
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 3.7 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 11th
- Harvest Brix: 24.9°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested; picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 8% whole cluster inclusion
- 5-day cold soak, 16 days total maceration
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- Gentle punchdowns and pumpovers
- Aged 15 months in French Oak barrels; 59% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Louis Latour, Francois Frères, Marques, Remond
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2015

NOTES

- The dazzling garnet color of this wine is indicative of its concentrated red fruit profile. Aromas of red cherry, raspberry, violets, and cedar lift from the glass. The texture is focused with well-defined flavors of cherry, vanilla, and bramble. The silky tannins are complemented by bright acidity that is carried through the lengthy finish. Alcohol 14.2%