

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2013 CHARDONNAY ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Ulises Valdez
- Clonal Selection: Wente
- Rootstock: 420a
- Plant Date: 2002
- Soils: Sandy-loam, Goldridge soil
- Exposure: Southeast
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 4.4 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- Harvest Brix: 24.1°

### WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested at night
- Whole cluster to press, cold
- Barrel-fermented, indigenous yeasts, 6 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation concurrent with alcoholic fermentation
- Aged 15 months in French Oak barrels, 63% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères, and Gauthier
- Aged *sur lies* with biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2015

### NOTES

- The Ulises Valdez Vineyard is known to produce rich and complex wines. Iridescent pale straw in color, this wine entices with aromas of white tea, lime meringue, and crème brûlée. The creamy palate boasts rich flavors of orange marmalade and with a hint of baking spice leading to a long, refined, mineral driven finish. Alcohol 14.3%