

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2014 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Properties: Katherine Lindsay Estate, Ulises Valdez, Fraenkle, Schell Ranch Estate, 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: 3.5 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2014 was the third straight outstanding growing season in a row, following the excellent 2012 and 2013 vintages. Dry winter and spring conditions limited canopy vigor, and a warm growing season with a lack of extreme heat spikes resulted in prolonged, even ripening through harvest. The resulting wines possess great site specificity, depth and quality.
- Harvest Date: September 6<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Harvest Brix: 24.8°

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 8% whole cluster
- 5-day cold soak, 16 day maceration
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- Gentle punchdowns and pumpovers
- Aged 11 months in French Oak barrels; 43% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères, Marques, Remond, Gauthier
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2015

### NOTES

- This quintessential Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is deep ruby red in color with red cherry and exotic spice aromas of cardamom and star anise. The supple palate unravels in layers with succulent flavors of Santa Rosa plum, raspberry and black tea. Fine tannins round out the finish and are balanced by its youthful acidity. Alcohol 14.2%