

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2009 SYRAH KICK RANCH VINEYARD SONOMA COUNTY

### VINEYARD

- Owners: Richard & Katherine Keenan
- Appellation: Sonoma County
- Clonal Selections: Hermitage, 470
- Vine Age: Planted in 2001
- Site: Gravelly clay loam, exposed red volcanic soil on hillside; southern exposure
- Yield: 2.8 tons/acre

### HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 26
- Harvest Brix: 25.8°
- Growing Season: 2009 began with an abundance of spring rain followed by mild, steady summer temperatures that set the stage for nearly ideal pinot noir and chardonnay growing conditions. The well-set fruit ripened slowly allowing for an excellent balance of sugars and acids to develop. The resulting wines can be characterized as elegant and rich with profound depth and structure.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 6-day cold soak, 18 days total maceration
- Hand-punched cap
- Native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 18 months in Francois Frères and Remond French oak barrels; 63% new
- Unblended, unfinned and unfiltered; bottled April 2011

### NOTES

- Dense violet/ruby in color, it is vibrantly floral and earthy on the nose. A burst of ripe, juicy black plum, blueberry and sweet tobacco introduces a palate heady with nuances of anise, thyme, sweet tobacco and leather. As fruit and savory flavors meld through the mid-palate, a hint of toasted vanilla bean and citrus oil adds dimension as big, ripe tannins confirm the wine's muscularity and age-worthiness over the finish. Alcohol 14.8%