

2001
Paul Hobbs
Chardonnay
Russian River Valley

Vineyards

- ◆ Vineyards: Hanna Vineyard, O'Connor Vineyard
- ◆ Appellation: Russian River Valley
- ◆ Clones: Clone 4 and Clone 6
- ◆ Site: Goldridge yellow and brown sandy-loam soils
- ◆ Yield: 2.5 - 3.0 tons/acre

Harvest

- ◆ Harvest Dates: October 1
- ◆ Harvest Brix: 24.4° & 26.4°
- ◆ Growing Season: An early spring frost in the Russian River Valley reduced crop yields throughout the region. Cool weather for most of the summer allowed for a slow development of the rich flavors that revealed themselves in the warm days of harvest.

Winemaking

- ◆ Hand-harvested grapes
- ◆ Whole cluster, direct to press
- ◆ Barrel fermented with indigenous yeast, 6 months to completion
- ◆ Concurrent native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- ◆ Barrel aged 11 months, 55% new French oak, *sur-lies* and stirred
- ◆ Bottled unfinned, unfiltered August 2002

Notes

- ◆ Straw yellow color with a pearl sheen; ripe, heady aromas of peach, apricot, lime, and baked custard. Generous flavors of tropical fruits mix with apple and vanilla notes. Opulent with a firm acidity, this lavish Chardonnay is well balanced with a crisp, lingering finish. Alcohol 14.8%

1,199 cases produced.