

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2005 CHARDONNAY ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- ◆ OWNER/MGR: ULISES VALDEZ
- ◆ APPELLATION: RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
- ◆ CLONE: WENTE, ROBERT YOUNG
- ◆ VINE AGE: PLANTED IN 2002
- ◆ SITE: GOLDRIDGE, WELL DRAINED, BROWN SANDY LOAM SOILS
- ◆ YIELD: 1.9 TONS / ACRE

### HARVEST

- ◆ HARVEST DATES: OCTOBER 4-6
- ◆ HARVEST BRIX: 24.7°
- ◆ GROWING SEASON: EXTENDED, COOL SPRING WEATHER RESULTED IN LATE BUD BREAK. AN IDEAL, LONG, TEMPERATE GROWING SEASON FOLLOWED, ALLOWING FOR SLOW, FULL AND EVEN RIPENING OF THE FRUIT. HARVEST BEGAN LATER THAN USUAL. THE RESULTING WINES CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS RICH AND ELEGANT WITH GORGEOUS AROMATICS.

### WINEMAKING

- ◆ HAND-HARVESTED GRAPES
- ◆ WHOLE CLUSTER, DIRECT TO PRESS, COLD
- ◆ BARREL FERMENTED WITH INDIGENOUS YEASTS; 2 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ CONCURRENT SPONTANEOUS MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN BARRELS; 7 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ AGED 15 MONTHS IN FRANCOIS FRERES, SEGUIN MOREAU, ALAIN FOUQUET, SIRUGUE AND CADUS FRENCH OAK BARRELS; 70% NEW
- ◆ AGED SUR LIES AND STIRRED BIWEEKLY
- ◆ UNBLENDED, UNFINED AND UNFILTERED; BOTTLED JANUARY 2007

### NOTES

- ◆ OUR SECOND RELEASE OF CHARDONNAY FROM ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD IS A POWERFUL, STYLISH OFFERING, PERFUMED WITH WHITE PEACH AND ORANGE MARMALADE. IT IS RICH AND MOUTH-FILLING, WITH FLAVORS OF RIPE GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLE AND STONE FRUIT. AN UNDERLYING CREAMINESS AND HINTS OF TOAST AND CEDAR ADD NUANCE TO THIS BOLDLY-STRUCTURED CHARDONNAY. ALCOHOL 14.9%