

PAUL HOBBS

2006 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: 3.2 TONS / ACRE

HARVEST

- ◆ HARVEST DATES: OCTOBER 14
- ◆ HARVEST BRIX: 24.3°
- ◆ GROWING SEASON: 2006 WAS SLIGHTLY COOLER OVERALL THAN 2005 AND BEGAN WITH DELAYED BUD BREAK DUE TO A LONG, WET SPRING. THE WEATHER WARMED IN MAY, CONTINUING THROUGH SUMMER AND INTO FALL TO PROVIDE THE EXTENDED GROWING SEASON NEEDED FOR FRUIT TO RIPEN FULLY.

WINEMAKING

- ◆ HAND-HARVESTED GRAPES
- ◆ WHOLE CLUSTER, DIRECT TO PRESS, COLD
- ◆ BARREL FERMENTED WITH INDIGENOUS YEASTS; 4 MONTHS TO COMPLETION
- ◆ CONCURRENT SPONTANEOUS MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION IN BARRELS
- ◆ AGED 15 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS; 68% NEW
- ◆ AGED ON THE LEES; BIWEEKLY *BÂTONNAGE*
- ◆ UNBLENDED, UNFINED AND UNFILTERED; BOTTLED JANUARY 2008

NOTES

- ◆ OPALESCENT PALE YELLOW COLOR ACCOMPANIES A NOSE BRIGHTLY SCENTED WITH GREEN APPLE AND LEMON MERINGUE. THE BOLDLY-STRUCTURED, FULL-BODIED PALATE COMES ALIVE ON THE TONGUE IN A HARMONIOUS WEAVE OF ASIAN PEAR AND GUAVA WITH EXOTIC OVERTONES OF GREEN TEA AND CHAMOMILE. A *SOUPÇON* OF HONEYSUCKLE COMPLEMENTS THE SPICE AND FLINT THAT RESONATE THROUGH THE LENGTHY FINISH. ALCOHOL 14.8%