

FALL NEWSLETTER
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PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR
FALL OPEN HOUSE
&
PICKUP WEEKEND
FOR FOOD, WINE AND FUN!

Dates: Saturday and Sunday,
September 15 and 16, 2007
Time: 11am to 4pm

RSVP: If you would like to attend the Open House, we request that you call for a reservation by September 1. To pick up your order of fall releases at the Open House, please place your order as you normally would and then call us for a reservation, at which time we will adjust your shipping charges.

Please RSVP by emailing us at: info@paulhobbs.com or calling 707-824-9879, ext. 16.

PAUL HOBBS

WINERY & VINEYARD

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are approaching yet another milestone in the life of our winery and as always, we are excited to share it with you. As we prepare for the inaugural release of pinot noir from our Lindsay Estate Vineyard, I am extremely gratified as I think about all the effort, and the many skilled and devoted hands it has taken to transform our property from an open field into a superlative winegrowing site and winery home.

Of course we could not have accomplished any of it without you, and so I offer you my sincere thanks for your support and enthusiasm along the way.

With this release, I pay tribute to my family and to my early life growing up on the farm, working in the orchards and vineyards.

The first Lindsay in my family was my great grandmother, Kathryn Lindsay (her maiden name) Hobbs. Lindsay has been passed down through several generations as a first or middle name to many members of my family, includ-

LINDSAY ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

The Wine Some of you received an early introduction to our inaugural vintage of Pinot Noir, Lindsay Estate Vineyard when we shared samples from the barrel with you at our Open House last fall. We hope that from what you tasted in the glass, you will be as excited as we are that it is now making its debut with this release.

At the time of the Open House, this wine was already showing impressive body, concentration



The contours of Lindsay Vineyard provide a dynamic environment for pinot noir



Four generations of Hobbs's at the family farm in New York in 1954, including a one-year-old Paul (front, center) and Great Grandparents Edward and Kathryn (2nd and 3rd from left)

ing my father and my daughter. Since we are a farming family, I only thought it appropriate to carry on the heritage with the naming of our first estate vineyard.

We hope you will come see Lindsay Estate and enjoy a tour and tasting with us sometime soon.

Until then, Cheers!

and the presence of firm, ripe tannins. With more time in barrel and many months resting in bottle, it has deepened in texture and flavor, the layers of fruit, earth and spice integrating and opening.

Our site The Russian River Valley is ideal for cultivating pinot noir grapes for several reasons. One of the most important is the cooling fog that settles over the area in the morning and evening, tempering the afternoon heat enjoyed in this appellation. Under these conditions, grapes can ripen and mature slowly and fully over an extended growing season without losing acidity.

In addition, the Goldridge soils found in our pocket of the valley further enhance the quality and character of the fruit. These nutrient-poor, mineral rich, red soils cause the vines to struggle to establish themselves, producing berries that are smaller and more concentrated in flavor. The effect is intensified by the coarse gravel and cobble in our vineyard, and the result are wines of great purity, concentration and minerality.

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FALL 2007 RELEASES

2005 CHARDONNAY, CUVEE AGUSTINA, RICHARD DINNER VINEYARD, SONOMA MTN.

The wine named in honor of my daughter and produced using the best barrels from the Richard Dinner Vineyard, has come to embody opulence in a glass. The long, cool growing season in 2005 resulted in a particularly intriguing Cuvee Agustina that is radiant gold in color and offers abundant

aromas of spiced pear and orange blossom. Overlaying its signature unctuous, satiny texture is a palate of pure, focused fruit, with a slightly more tropical character in this vintage, framed by notes of toasty brioche and nutmeg. Lively acidity is the perfect finale to this luxuriant wine.

Aged 11 months in Francois Freres, Seguin Moreau, Cadus, Remond, Damy and Alain Fouquet French oak barrels; 89% new

'93-95' points, Robert Parker, Jr.



Paul working with Chardonnay at harvest

2005 CHARDONNAY, ULISES VALDEZ VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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 nu-

ance to this boldly-structured chardonnay. Aged 15 months in Francois Freres, Seguin Moreau, Alain Fouquet, Sirugue and Cadus French oak barrels; 70% new

'94-96' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

2005 CHARDONNAY, WALKER STATION VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

This vineyard once again produced a small quantity of beautiful, terroir-driven chardonnay exhibiting characteristic richness, elegance and minerality in balance. Inviting aromas of citrus oil, honeysuckle, pear and white flowers enliven the senses and prepare the palate for the silky, seamless, lay-

ers of vibrant apple, fig and almond that follow. Notes of wet stone accent a long, honeyed finish. Aged 15 months in Francois Freres, Seguin Moreau, Cadus, Damy and Sirugue French oak barrels; 72% new

'93' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

2005 PINOT NOIR, LINDSAY ESTATE VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY - INAUGURAL VINTAGE -

Tremendous depth of flavor and impressively ripe, fine tannins characterize our inaugural vintage of Estate Pinot Noir and suggest a cellar-worthy weave that will continue to evolve over time. Saturated, purple-tinged burgundy color accompanies a plummy nose fragrant with exotic notes of violet and bergamot. On the palate, dark, almost brooding blackberry and plum flavors intermix with earthy notes of forest floor, cedar and clove that linger over a lengthy finish.

'Exhibits beautiful forest floor, pomegranate, plum, and black fruit notes. Deep, full-bodied, powerful, and rich, it should age nicely for a decade.'

'93-95' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING:

Clones: Swan, Calera

Soil: Goldridge, yellow, sandy red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam

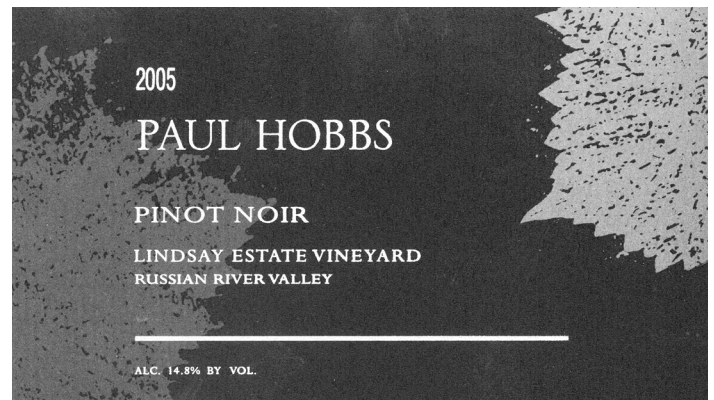
Yield: 1.7 tons/acre Harvest Brix: 25.6 Hand-harvested grapes

Harvested September 29

Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts; 5 day cold soak, 17 days total maceration

Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels

Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 78% new



2005 SYRAH, KICK RANCH VINEYARD, SONOMA COUNTY—INAUGURAL VINTAGE

Visiting the great producers in the Northern Rhone Valley for the first time many years ago, I was seduced by the heady wines that paired so beautifully with the truffles, roasted meats and game enjoyed there.

One of my fellow Notre Dame alumni, Dick Keenan has a rocky, sloped vineyard at the foot of Spring Mountain which possesses qualities that recall the terroir of this fabulous region, and helped inspire us to produce our first syrah. Enjoy!

This syrah offers all the bold, meaty character you might expect from the varietal, but is absolutely refined in its balance of power with elegance and sophistica-

tion. Aged 17 months in Francois Freres, Cadus and Damy French oak barrels; 75% new

'Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by notions of graphite, garrigue, smoke, roasted meats, and blackberries. Although made from young vines, this rich, full-bodied complex Syrah is already impressively endowed.'

'92-94' points, Robert Parker, Jr.



Kick Ranch Vineyard flanks Spring Mountain to the West

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD, ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

Dr. Belden Crane is credited with being a founder of the Napa Valley wine trade, along with H.W. Crabb of To Kalon fame. His vineyard is a bit further north in the valley than To Kalon, in the warmer St. Helena sub-appellation and is becoming known for superb cabernet sauvignon. Our sec-

ond vintage from this property is an opulent and full-bodied cabernet sauvignon, red/black in the glass and perfumed with black cherry and clove. It possesses ample backbone and chewy tannins but is already showing generous blue and black fruits on the palate, and accents of toasty oak with

a touch of vanilla on the finish. Aged 21 months in Taransaud, Seguin Moreau and Radoux French oak barrels; 100% new

'92+' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, STAGECOACH VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

We have been releasing a vineyard designate wine made from select blocks of this intriguing, high elevation vineyard for four vintages now. The Cabernet Sauvignon we produce from it has a rich, sinewy texture and a distinct balance of pure, ripe, focused fruit and acidity that create a gorgeously structured wine. The 2004

displays deep black-crimson color accompanied by aromas of cassis, lavender and underbrush. Aged 21 months in Taransaud, Seguin Moreau, Bossuet, Radoux and Alain Fouquet French oak barrels; 100% new

rocks, smoky oak, blackberries, and cassis. Powerful and rich with exceptional concentration and structure, it requires 2-3 years of cellaring, and should drink well over the next two decades or more.'

'This broodingly backward, deep ruby/purple-hued effort gives up scents of crushed

'94+' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD, OAKVILLE NAPA VALLEY

"I was thrilled when Andy Beckstoffer asked me if I would like to work with the legendary 'BV4' block of To Kalon, which I had gotten to know back in my early days with Robert Mondavi in the late 70's. He offered me my choice of rows and though the decision was made by walking the vineyard, comparing soil, sun exposure and other factors, it was also a matter of instinct to some degree. Winemaking definitely starts in the vineyard and so you hope that your experience provides you with a kind of second sense for choosing between the subtle differences that exist from section to section and even row to row. In the case of To Kalon, I have been pleased, to say the least, with the wines we have been able to produce from our rows." - Paul

The 'BV4' block of this historic vineyard can produce an impressively weighty, muscular, complex cabernet sauvignon. Our black/ruby-hued 2004 confirms this with a gorgeous, spicy, earthy nose and a thick, dense palate that opens slowly to reveal a mélange of currants, baker's cocoa and pencil shavings. A succession of seductive undertones of clean earth, dried

herbs, and black tea add further depth, harmonizing beautifully over a never-ending finish that melds gripping tannins with earthy notes of mocha and tobacco leaf. This is a teeth-staining glimpse of a most cellar-worthy wine. Aged 21 months in Taransaud, Seguin Moreau, Bossuet, Radoux, and Alain Fouquet French oak barrels; 100% new

'Offers aromas of tobacco leaf, crème de cassis, graphite, flowers, and licorice in its full-bodied, powerful personality. There are layers of concentration, a multidimensional mouthfeel, and beautiful purity as well as nobility in this stunner. It should drink well for 20-25 years.'

'95+' points, Robert Parker, Jr.

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View of Lindsay Estate Vineyard from our guest lounge

SPRING 2008 PREVIEW

The following wines are slated for release in our next newsletter:

2006 Chardonnay, Russian River Valley

2006 Chardonnay, Richard Dinner Vineyard, Sonoma Mountain

2006 Chardonnay, Ritchie Vineyard, Russian River Valley

2006 Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

2006 Pinot Noir, Ulises Valdez Vineyard, Russian River Valley

2006 Pinot Noir, Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

FALL/WINTER EVENTS - WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT ONE OR MORE OF THESE GREAT WINE EVENTS

September 18 - Jackson's La Jolla, Winery Dinner - La Jolla, CA

October 25 through 27- Wine Spectator's New York Wine Experience - New York, NY

January 24 - 27 - Naples Winter Wine Festival - Naples, Florida