

PAUL HOBBS

2017 PINOT NOIR KATHERINE LINDSAY ESTATE, CUVÉE AGUSTINA RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourcing: .23 acres of block a3, .36 acres of block a6, .35 acres of block a7, .60 acres of block a9
- Clonal selection: Calera, Swan
- Rootstock: 101-14, 420a, 3309
- Plant date: 2000
- Soils: Sebastopol sandy loam
- Exposure: 2-30% slope, varied exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cordon | block a7, a9: bilateral cane
- Yield: 2.36 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

Following five consecutive years of drought, 2017 provided record-setting winter rainfall that filled our reservoirs, and helped replenish soils and aquifers alike. Spring lead with dry conditions that facilitated an optimal fruit set before summer commenced with warm-cold day cycles, critical for slow flavor development and preserving acid. A series of late summer heat waves increased the rate of maturation which was followed by a prolonged series of cool days in mid-September, completing the ripening process at a gradual pace. By early October, all our fruit was harvested and displayed balance and energy at time of picking, maintaining desired levels of acid and sugar.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, sheers only
- Harvest dates: September 16, 23, 25

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 18% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 18 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 70% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Francois Frères, Louis Latour
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January, 2019

TASTING NOTES

From two small blocks off our Russian River Valley estate, this deep crimson wine is a selection of the very best barrels comprised from the vintage that showcases scents of fresh violets, boysenberry, and thyme. The palate's structure is defined by its brightness and precision with bergamot, juniper berry, and cherry pie carried by velvety tannins, while notes of earth and clove fill in through the finish. Alcohol 14.2%