

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2018 PINOT NOIR FRAENKLE CHESHIER VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Oliver Fraenkle
- Clonal selection: 777, 667
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2001
- Soils: Goldridge fine sandy loam, Pajaro fine sandy loam
- Exposure: 0-3% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cane | unilateral cordon
- Yield: 2.75 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

After 2017 received record-breaking rainfall, 2018 brought another winter with wet weather that continued through February. By early spring, dry and sunny conditions allowed for an ideal fruit set. Mild summer temperatures with no prolonged heat spikes provided an abundant crop, leading us to make up to four yield thinning passes in our vineyards. The moderate temperatures extended into fall, resulting in exceptional phenolic development allowing fruit to slowly mature on the vine. Fruit was harvested a full two weeks later than average, delivering elegant structure, brightness of flavors, and naturally balanced acidity.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: October 11

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- 13% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5 day cold soak, 16 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 9 months in French oak barrels; 52% new
- Coopers: Louis Latour, Leroi, Francois Frères, Remond, Cadus
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered; August 2019

### TASTING NOTES

This Sebastopol Hills site features wine that yields a vivid dark ruby in the glass and exotic aromas of acai, cinnamon stick, and subtle notes of orange marmalade. A full palate with of licorice, oolong tea, and cranberry builds volume as it introduces firm tannins and bright acidity to the wine's structure. Demonstrating both intensity and balance, the finish is complex with added notes of Santa Rosa plum and clay-like minerality.