

PAUL HOBBS

2014 CHARDONNAY EDWARD JAMES ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Clonal Selection: Wente
- Rootstock: 420a
- Plant Date: 2007
- Soils: Sandy-loam, Goldridge soil
- Exposure: Southern and western
- Trellis: Bilateral cane
- Yield: 3.9 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2014 was the third straight outstanding growing season in a row, following the excellent 2012 and 2013 vintages. Dry winter and spring conditions limited canopy vigor, and a warm growing season with a lack of extreme heat spikes resulted in prolonged, even ripening through harvest. The resulting wines possess great site specificity, depth and quality.
- Harvest Date: September 12th & 19th
- Harvest Brix: 23.9°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel fermented with indigenous yeasts; 7 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 65% new
- Coopers: François Frères, Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, and Remond
- Aged *sur lies* with biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2016

NOTES

- From the heritage selections of chardonnay planted in our Edward James Estate Vineyard, named for Paul's great-grandfather, this pale straw-hued wine boasts intriguing aromas of baking spices, Anjou pear, white peach, and exotic hints of ginger. Concentrated, rich and vibrant on the palate, layers of juicy fruit are underpinned by refreshing acidity. Aged 15 months in French oak barrels, 65% new.