

PAUL HOBBS

2014 CHARDONNAY ELLEN LANE ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Clonal Selection: Hyde Wente
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2007
- Soils: Blucher and Josephine soil series; gravel and clay loam
- Exposure: Southern and western exposures
- Trellis: Bilateral cane
- Yield: 2.1 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 13th
- Harvest Brix: 24.0°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts; 8 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 15 months in French Oak barrels; 58% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères
- Aged *sur lies* with biweekly *bâtonnage*
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2016

NOTES

- This small hill-side estate is the coolest vineyard in our portfolio. Brilliant pale straw in color, this wine has savory, herbaceous aromas that lead to a taut palate of nectarine and warm biscotti balanced with hints of toasted oak. A long drawn-out finish highlights the tension between bright acidity, minerality and ripe stone fruit flavors. Alcohol 14.3%