

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2015 CHARDONNAY ELLEN LANE ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Clonal Selection: Hyde Wente & Hudson Wente
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2007 & 2008
- Soils: Blucher and Josephine soil series; gravel and clay loam
- Exposure: Western exposure
- Trellis: VSP
- Yield: 2.9 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

- Summary: The 2015 vintage began in late winter due to unseasonably warm temperatures leading to an early bud break, and thus an elongated growing season. Overall yields were lighter than average with smaller cluster and berry size as a result of cooler temperatures during bloom and the third consecutive year of drought. The resultant wines show increased concentration of flavors with wonderful balance and round textures.
- Harvest Date: September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Harvest Brix: 23.6°

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 53% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Damy, Louis Latour, Francois Frères
- Aged sur lies with biweekly bâtonnage
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2016

### NOTES

- This hill-side estate located in Green Valley produces the most cool-climate expression of chardonnay in our portfolio. Gleaming white-gold in color, this exquisite wine has lively citrus notes complemented by white floral aromas. The palate exhibits harmonious flavors of honey-crisp apple and lemon with mineral undertones, buoyed by vibrant acidity for a long finish.