

PAUL HOBBS

2015 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Properties: Katherine Lindsay Estate, Goldrock Ridge Estate, Schell Ranch Estate, Gap's Crown, Fraenkle-Cheshier, Donna Margarita
- Clonal Selection: Calera, Beba, Mt. Eden, Swan, 115, 667, 777, 828, POM
- Soils: Sebastopol series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Exposure: Various sites and exposures
- Yield: 1.6-2.6 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 1st – September 26th
- Harvest Brix: 24.8°-25.9°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 8% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- 5 day cold soak, 16 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns and pumpovers
- Aged 11 months in French Oak barrels; 44% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Damy, Cadus, Louis Latour, Remond, Leroi, Gauthier
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled August 2016

NOTES

- A classic rendering of Russian River Valley pinot noir, this wine offers a dark cherry hue and aromas of black cherry and bright strawberry. Rich, dark fruits dominate the palate, with accents of red fruit and complex undertones of white pepper and nutmeg. The fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity add layers and tension, accentuating the flavors and velvet-like mouthfeel for an elegant finish.