

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2019 CHARDONNAY GOLDROCK ESTATE, CUVÉE LOUISA SONOMA COAST

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourced from: block 3, 5
- Clonal selection: 76
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant date: 2005
- Soil: Goldridge, sandy loam
- Exposure: varied
- Trellis and pruning: bilateral cane
- Yield: 4.70 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

2019 was truly a remarkable year that may in time prove to be the standout vintage of the decade. The season began with steady winter precipitation and cool springtime temperatures helping preserve soil moistures throughout much of the growing season. After a rare May rainstorm, warm and dry conditions followed providing an optimal bloom and fruit set. The mild temperatures over the summer allowed grapes to ripen slowly and develop their phenolics gradually on the vine, a welcome sign for our team. After the record-breaking 2018 crop, 2019 came in much closer to historical averages. Harvest kicked off September 6 and lasted seven weeks, within its typical timeframe, bringing in fruit with exceptional energy, precision, purity of flavors, and superb balance.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: September 25, 28

### WINEMAKING

- Whole cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel fermented with indigenous yeasts; 10 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Sur lie aging, biweekly bâtonnage
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 45% new
- Coopers: François Frères, Cadus, Taransaud
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January 2021

### TASTING NOTES

Diligently sourced from two small blocks off our Goldrock Estate, our third vintage named after my youngest daughter, Louisa Ema, is pure class and opens with brilliant pale straw in the glass. A bouquet of white tea and honeycomb in-termingle with soil-derived notes of crush rock. The ethereal texture glides on the palate picking up lifted tones of tange-rine, lime zest, and accents of almond. Bright and clean on the finish, this wine's salivating acidity is a true testament its coastal origins.