

PAUL HOBBS

2019 PINOT NOIR CLEARY ESTATE SONOMA COAST

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourced from: blocks 5, 4, 7, 9, 6, 3
- Clonal selection: 113, 114, 667, 777
- Rootstock: rg
- Plant date: 1997
- Soil: Goldridge, blucher
- Exposure: southwest facing hillside
- Trellis and pruning: bilateral cane
- Yield: 1.8 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 21 - 24

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- 9% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 17 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 29% new
- Coopers: Louis Latour, Cadus, Francois Frere
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January 2021

TASTING NOTES

Since its inaugural release two years ago, this hilltop site overlooking the town of Freestone has become one of the most compelling in our portfolio. Leading with intense ruby, the wine exudes elegance with an alluring bouquet of strawberry compote, damp forest floor, and hints of rosemary. The palate is refined and inviting with a firm backbone of Grillottes cherries and black rasp-berry complemented by savory notes of sandalwood, clove, and a graphite minerality. Svelte tannins lead to a polished finish that integrates flawlessly its inherent coastal acidity.