

PAUL HOBBS

2019 PINOT NOIR GOLDROCK ESTATE SONOMA COAST, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourcing: block 1, 9
- Clonal selection: 115, 777
- Rootstock: rg
- Plant date: 2005
- Soils: Goldridge
- Exposure: full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: bilateral cane
- Yield: 2.78 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 dates: September 13 - 25

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 11% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 18 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 31% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Louis Latour, Billon, Taransaud, Leroi, François Frères
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January, 2021

TASTING NOTES

Located in the far northwestern corner of the Sonoma Coast, our remote estate in Annapolis surrounded by towering redwoods delivers a vibrant purple hue and energetic aromas of rose petals, cranberry, and fresh cut rosemary. The palate is focused with well-integrated flavors of wild blueberry, dark cherry, and bergamot. It retains a lifted acidity throughout, which adds tension to the long finish followed by hints of damp earth and red clay.