

PAUL HOBBS

2018 PINOT NOIR KATHERINE LINDSAY ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourcing: row selection of blocks a1, a3, a6, a7, a9
- Clonal selection: Calera, Swan, 115
- Rootstock: 101-14, 420a, 3309
- Plant date: 2000
- Soil: Sebastopol sandy loam
- Exposure: 2-30% slope, varied exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cordon | block a7, a9: bilateral cane
- Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

After 2017 received record-breaking rainfall, 2018 brought another winter with wet weather that continued through February. By early spring, dry and sunny conditions allowed for an ideal fruit set. Mild summer temperatures with no prolonged heat spikes provided an abundant crop, leading us to make up to four yield thinning passes in our vineyards. The moderate temperatures extended into fall, resulting in exceptional phenolic development allowing fruit to slowly mature on the vine. Fruit was harvested a full two weeks later than average, delivering elegant structure, brightness of flavors, and naturally balanced acidity.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: September 24-26

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 14% 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; 53% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Damy, Cadus, Leroi, Louis Latour, Billon, Remond
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January, 2020

TASTING NOTES

These grapes are grown in the iron-rich “Sebastopol soil series” a unique subset of Goldridge found on our estate. The wine radiates a ruby red luminescence with inviting aromas of Bing cherry, rose petals, and earl grey tea. Generous flavors of wild blueberry and pomegranate are bolstered by notes of forest pine and red slate minerality. The beguiling texture and balanced acidity are surrounded by silky tannins from start to finish making this a readily approachable wine that thrills the palate.