

PAUL HOBBS

2019 PINOT NOIR KATHERINE LINDSAY ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY, SONOMA COUNTY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Paul Hobbs Winery
- Sourcing: row selection of blocks a1, a7, a3, a9, a6
- 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: 1.97 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 18 - 20

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, 18 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 42% new
- Coopers: Cadus, Louis Latour, Chassin
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January, 2021

TASTING NOTES

Purchased in 1998, this land parcel became the winery's first estate and was named in honor of my great-grandmother who established the family farm in the mid-1850's. The 2019 vintage is signature Katherine Lindsay and shines with crystalline ruby and inviting aromas of blue violets, raspberry, and hints of sweet spice. Buoyant and expressive on the palate, fine-grained tannins wrap around juicy red cherry with accents of white pepper and clean earth, supported by a balanced acidity that give it length and focus.