

PAUL HOBBS

2019 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Sources: Cleary Estate, Goldrock Estate, Schell Ranch Estate, Fraenkle Cheshire, Katherine Lindsay Estate, George Menini Estate
- Clonal selection: 115, 777, Pommard, 667, Mt. Eden, Swan, cha-96/97, Calera, 114, 113, 2a
- Rootstocks: 101-14, 420a, rg
- Sites: Various exposures, and soils including Sebastopol Series, Goldridge yellow, sandy clay loam, red clay and coarse, gravelly, loam soils
- Yield: 2.3 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 12 – October 3

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 10 months in French oak barrels; 44% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Cadus, Louis Latour, Leroi, Remond, Billon, Damy, Taransaud
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; August 2020

TASTING NOTES

Our estates play a leading role in the making of this wine with fruit selected across the appellation for its purity, richness, and elegance. Translucent garnet, the 2019 vintage entices with blood orange, boysenberry, and fresh violets. The voluptuous texture fuses with layered notes of bergamot, wild cherry, crushed pomegranate seeds, and hints of sage. As it moves across the palate both acid and plush tannins are seamlessly integrated, accentuated by a red clay minerality that readily captures our terroir and adds freshness to the gorgeous finish.