

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2021 PINOT NOIR CUVÉE AGUSTINA, KATHERINE LINDSAY ESTATE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Clonal selection: Calera, Swan, 115
- Rootstock: 101-14, 420a, 3309
- Plant date: 2000
- Soils: Sebastopol sandy loam
- Exposure: 2-30% slope, varied exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp), bilateral cordon and cane

### GROWING SEASON

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 will be remembered for its intensely flavored berries, a smooth harvest and most importantly, exquisitely balanced, nuanced, and vivid wines. The season began with historically low rainfall which, coupled with a cold winter, delayed bud break. However, despite the cooler start to the year, the remainder of the season proved to be temperate with no relevant unfavorable weather events. Warm temps and mild May weather conditions, for example, favored a compact bloom and an extremely uniform fruit set with highly desirable small berries and moderately sized, well-spaced clusters. Meanwhile, summer's long, cool mornings and warm afternoons permitted the fruit on the vine to take a slow, leisurely ride to full maturity—excellent for the physiological fruit development we prize. Harvest kicked-off punctually at 12:01 am, September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: September 13 & 17

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field; 14% whole cluster inclusion
- Indigenous yeast fermentation
- 5-day cold soak, 17-day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 15 months in French oak barrels; 60% new
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; January 2023

### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant dark ruby in color, the 2021 vintage captivates with aromas of boysenberry, blueberry, red cherry, and orange zest. Blackberry and plum add depth along the mid-palate leading to flavors of thyme and an iron-like minerality. Bright acidity and supple tannins grant structure to the wine's elegant texture, all balanced through the long finish.