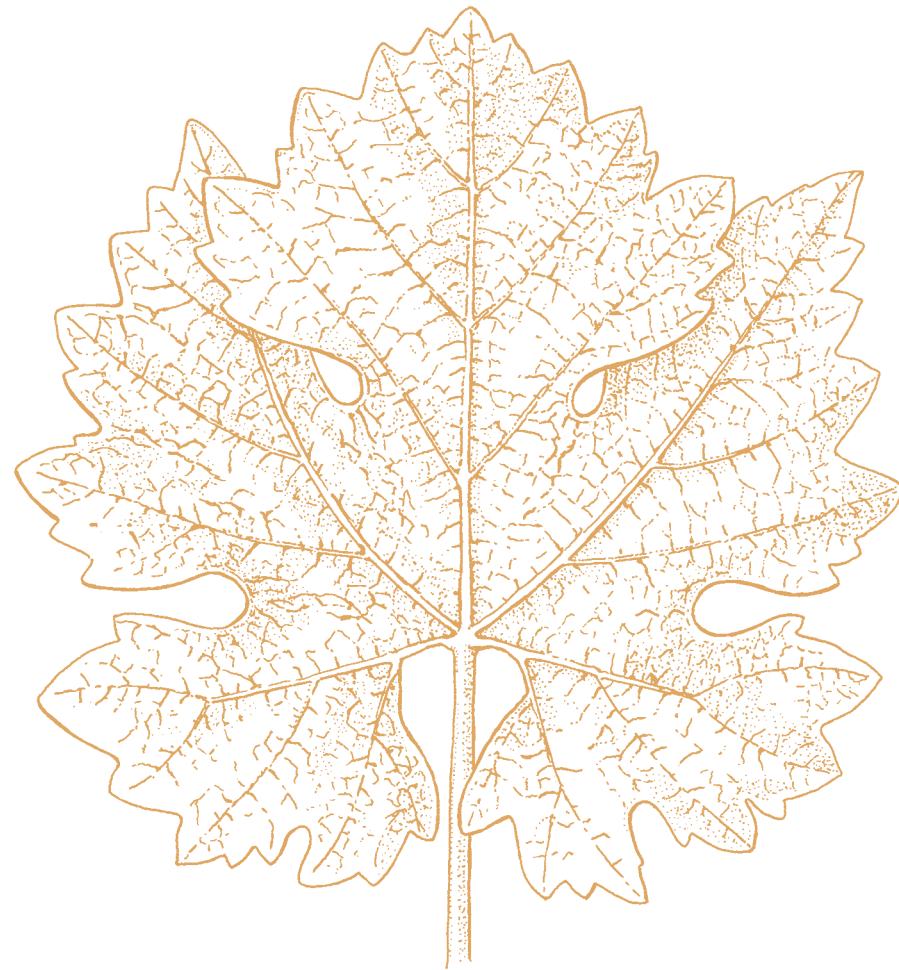




PAUL HOBBS
— WINERY —



SPRING 2023
ALLOCATION



GOOD VINTNERS ARE FARMERS FIRST. THEY ARE NIMBLE AND RESILIENT AND HAVE DEVELOPED A DEEP INTUITION OF THE LAND THEY WORK through hours spent in the field. They care about quality. They care about their reputation. Most importantly, they never stop thinking about the service they provide to their customers. They are attuned to the natural world in which they are immersed. Working at the whim of nature, they are frequently thrown into a world of ever changing, oftentimes demanding circumstances...at peace and invigorated.

Mother Nature could be best described as finicky in 2020 with ever-changing moments that kept all farmers on the edge of their seats. Consecutive heat spells coupled with a rare mid-August lightning storm accelerated the start of harvest. Within seven weeks, all fruit was hand-harvested, and although challenging on many fronts, our highly skilled team persevered at every stage and excelled in their meticulous picking, sorting, and barrel selections.

The decision to produce our 2020 cabernet sauvignons rested on answering a single question, 'Did smoke produced from the fires in any way compromise the fruit on the vine'. This could not be answered without considerable thought, as there were many variables to consider, including the location of the vineyard relative to the fire, the timing of peak fruit maturity, and the prevailing wind direction. There were also topographical elements to account for in each vineyard site, from inclination and elevation to bowls and pockets of stagnant air. Due to the level of intimacy with each of our vineyards and the desire to showcase their individuality vintage after vintage, this decision was relatively easy in most cases. If there was any doubt, the final decision rested with the assessment of wine quality based on rigorous tasting and analysis at every stage of the aging process.

Beautiful wines can be produced in the most difficult of times. While we produced much less Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon in 2020 as a function of the fires, the wines we did produce are generous, well delineated, ripe, rich, elegant, full of energy, and supple on the palate. Our commitment to excellence is unwavering. Our quality standards are rigorous. No matter the vintage or the circumstance, we remain committed to producing world class wines worthy of the Paul Hobbs name. I hope our trusted reputation for distinction shines through as you enjoy these small-lot wines from our Spring 2023 allocation.

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GROWING SEASON NOTES

2021

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 12:01am on September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

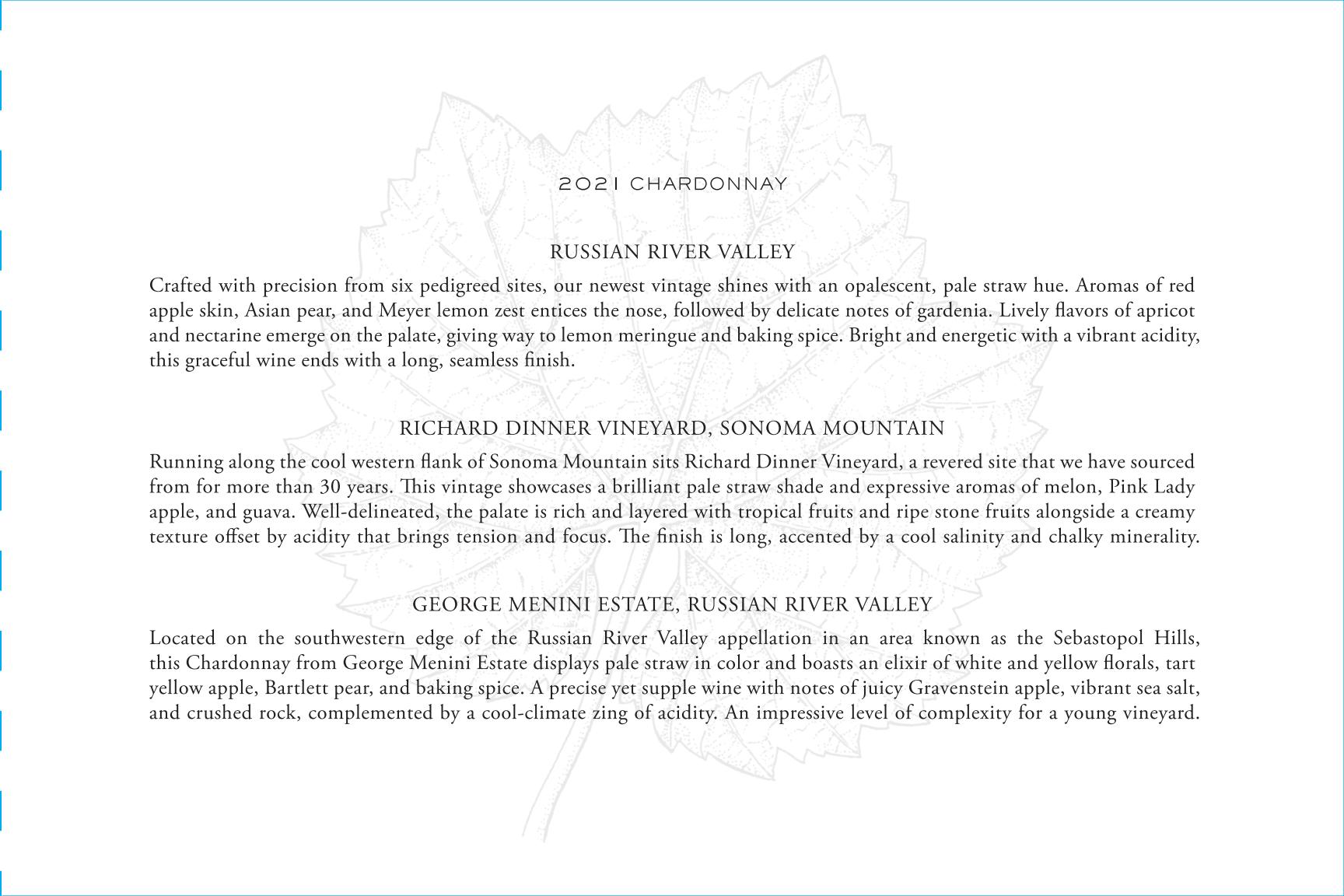
2020

A dry winter started the season with less than half the region's average rainfall leading to a mild spring and early season bud break. Summer began with relatively moderate temperatures resulting in exceptional phenolic development, allowing fruit to ripen and mature slowly on the vine. Consecutive heat spells coupled with a rare mid-August lightning storm accelerated the start of harvest two weeks earlier than average. All fruit was hand-harvested within seven weeks, and although challenging on many fronts, our highly skilled team persevered at every stage and excelled in their meticulous picking, sorting, and barrel selections. While some wines will not be produced as they did not meet our standards for quality, those that were are in very small quantities, ensuring the limited remaining bottlings showcase their full character with great energy, depth of flavor, and focus.

2019

2019 was truly a remarkable year that may prove to be the standout vintage of the decade. The season began with steady winter precipitation and cool springtime temperatures helping keep moisture in our soils throughout much of the summer months. After a rare late season rainstorm in May, warm and dry conditions followed providing an optimal bloom and fruit set. The summer progressed with mild temperatures allowing grapes to slowly ripen and develop their phenolics gradually on the vine, a welcome sign for our team. After the record-breaking 2018 harvest, the crop came in much closer to historical averages. Harvest kicked off during its typical time frame on September 6 and lasted seven weeks, with fruit possessing exceptional energy, precision, purity of flavors, and superb balance.





2021 CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Crafted with precision from six pedigreed sites, our newest vintage shines with an opalescent, pale straw hue. Aromas of red apple skin, Asian pear, and Meyer lemon zest entices the nose, followed by delicate notes of gardenia. Lively flavors of apricot and nectarine emerge on the palate, giving way to lemon meringue and baking spice. Bright and energetic with a vibrant acidity, this graceful wine ends with a long, seamless finish.

RICHARD DINNER VINEYARD, SONOMA MOUNTAIN

Running along the cool western flank of Sonoma Mountain sits Richard Dinner Vineyard, a revered site that we have sourced from for more than 30 years. This vintage showcases a brilliant pale straw shade and expressive aromas of melon, Pink Lady apple, and guava. Well-delineated, the palate is rich and layered with tropical fruits and ripe stone fruits alongside a creamy texture offset by acidity that brings tension and focus. The finish is long, accented by a cool salinity and chalky minerality.

GEORGE MENINI ESTATE, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Located on the southwestern edge of the Russian River Valley appellation in an area known as the Sebastopol Hills, this Chardonnay from George Menini Estate displays pale straw in color and boasts an elixir of white and yellow florals, tart yellow apple, Bartlett pear, and baking spice. A precise yet supple wine with notes of juicy Gravenstein apple, vibrant sea salt, and crushed rock, complemented by a cool-climate zing of acidity. An impressive level of complexity for a young vineyard.



2021 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Our estates play a leading role in this wine with fruit selected across the appellation for its purity, richness, and elegance. Violet in hue, the 2021 vintage entices with pomegranate, dark cherry, and black tea. The voluptuous texture fuses with layered notes of boysenberry, bergamot, and hints of sage. As it moves across the palate both acid and fine-grained tannins are flawlessly integrated, accentuated by a red clay minerality. This is a refined and graceful wine with lively acidity, leading to a long finish.

WEST SONOMA COAST

Hailing from the newly established West Sonoma Coast AVA, this inaugural release displays deep ruby in tint with Bing cherry, wild mountain berry, and an ethereal note of damp earth. Vibrant red and blue fruits dance on the palate, accompanied by oyster shell and a stony tension in character with its coastal influences. A silky texture and uplifted acidity add a sophistication and intensity to this wine, as well as a remarkably long finish.

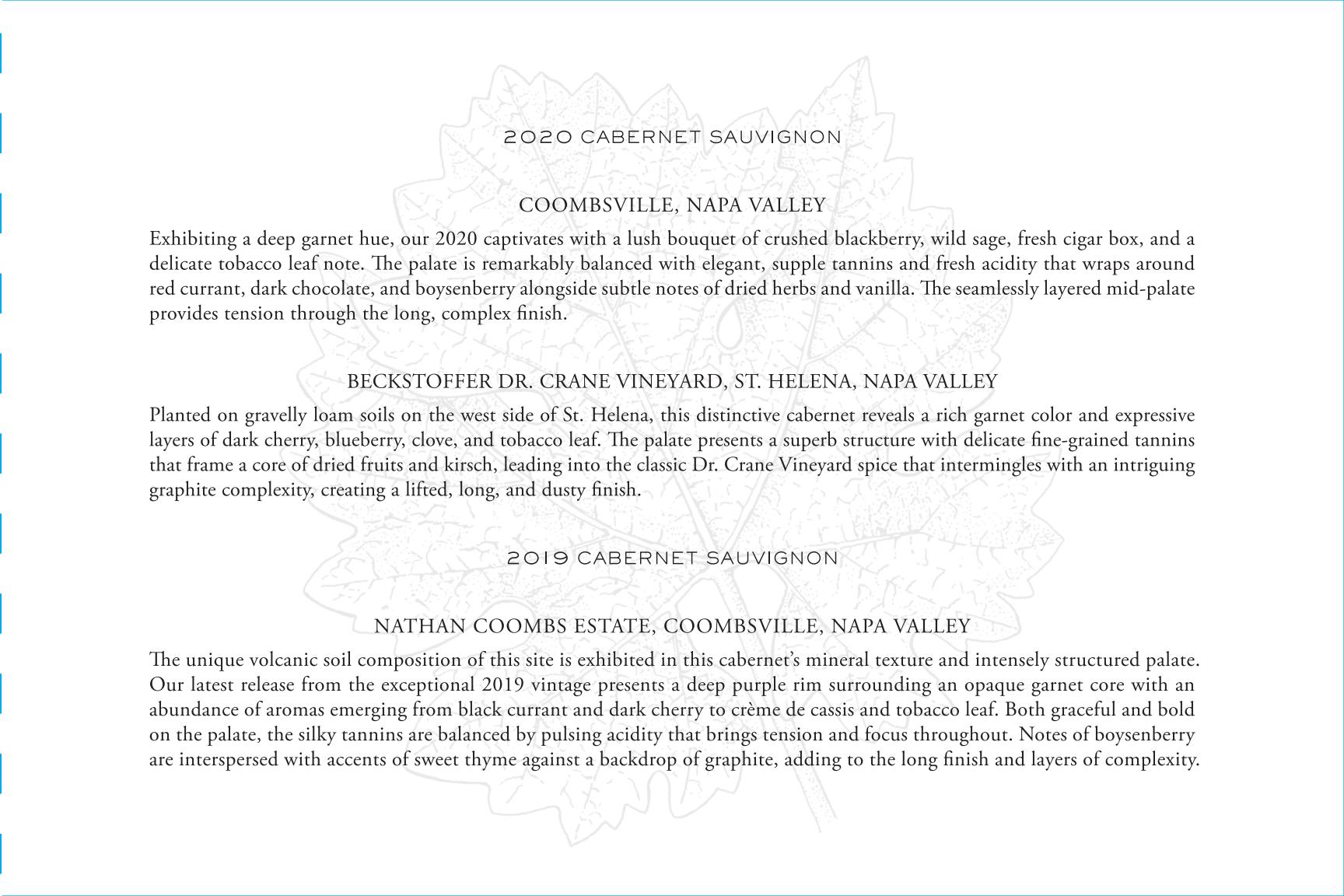
HYDE VINEYARD, CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

This esteemed vineyard located in the Carneros region that we have sourced from for more than 30 years continues to captivate with a ruby red hue and perfume of strawberry, wild raspberry, rose petal, and bergamot. A supple, enveloping texture coats the palate with layered flavors of dark cherry, black currant, and baking spices. It glides seamlessly on the palate with dusty tannins, picking up energy as it finishes effortlessly.

FRAENKLE CHESIER VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

This enticing wine from Sebastopol Hills shows vivid ruby with a hint of blue in the glass and vibrant aromas of cranberry, pomegranate, and spice. A luxurious palate with notes of cherry, raspberry, black tea, and savory herbs builds volume as it introduces structured tannins and bright acidity. Demonstrating both good tension and an elegant balance, the finish is complex with added notes of plum and clay-like minerality.





2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

Exhibiting a deep garnet hue, our 2020 captivates with a lush bouquet of crushed blackberry, wild sage, fresh cigar box, and a delicate tobacco leaf note. The palate is remarkably balanced with elegant, supple tannins and fresh acidity that wraps around red currant, dark chocolate, and boysenberry alongside subtle notes of dried herbs and vanilla. The seamlessly layered mid-palate provides tension through the long, complex finish.

BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD, ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

Planted on gravelly loam soils on the west side of St. Helena, this distinctive cabernet reveals a rich garnet color and expressive layers of dark cherry, blueberry, clove, and tobacco leaf. The palate presents a superb structure with delicate fine-grained tannins that frame a core of dried fruits and kirsch, leading into the classic Dr. Crane Vineyard spice that intermingles with an intriguing graphite complexity, creating a lifted, long, and dusty finish.

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NATHAN COOMBS ESTATE, COOMBSVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

The unique volcanic soil composition of this site is exhibited in this cabernet's mineral texture and intensely structured palate. Our latest release from the exceptional 2019 vintage presents a deep purple rim surrounding an opaque garnet core with an abundance of aromas emerging from black currant and dark cherry to crème de cassis and tobacco leaf. Both graceful and bold on the palate, the silky tannins are balanced by pulsing acidity that brings tension and focus throughout. Notes of boysenberry are interspersed with accents of sweet thyme against a backdrop of graphite, adding to the long finish and layers of complexity.



WINERY TASTINGS BY APPOINTMENT

Signature Tasting

Explore the winery with an introductory estate tour and seated tasting of four select signature wines accompanied by artisanal cheeses and charcuteries.

*\$95 per person**

Vineyard Designate Experience

Journey into the heart of our Katherine Lindsay Estate where the pursuit of excellence behind our wines is revealed, followed by a seated tasting of six highly limited vineyard designate wines with seasonally inspired culinary pairings.

*\$250 per person**

Barrel Hunter

“Paul Hobbs is like a good truffle-hunting dog when it comes to finding great vineyards.” - Robert Parker

This custom-tailored experience offers access to 100-point wines inside our private Library at the Lindsay House. Our Estate Chef will create your 4-course tasting menu to pair with eight highly coveted vineyard designate wines, including some of our most rare and limited bottlings.

Offered only three times per month due to the scarcity of the wines featured. Call to inquire at least 30 days in advance.

*Pricing starts at \$600 per person**

For more information or to schedule your tasting, access the visit us page at paulhobbswinery.com or contact our Estate Concierge:

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