

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2019 CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Sources: George Menini Estate, Ross Station Estate, Edward James Estate, Goldrock Estate, O'Connor, Ellen Lane Estate, Richard Dinner Vineyard
- Clonal selections: Hudson-Wente, Hyde-Wente, Batto, Calera, Mt. Eden
- Rootstocks: 420a, 101-14, 3309, swz, rg
- Sites: Various sites and exposures; many soils derived from weathered sandstone including Goldridge Series, brown sandy loam, and sandy clay.
- Yield: 3.7 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 11 - 28

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Whole-cluster pressed while still cold from the field
- Barrel-fermented with indigenous yeasts, 7 months to completion
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 10 months in French oak barrels; 44% new
- Coopers: Francois Frères, Leroi, Louis Latour, Cadus, Damy
- Aged sur lies with bi-weekly bâtonnage
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled January 2021

### TASTING NOTES

A composition of five distinct vineyards, our newest vintage brings a youthful pale straw color and fragrant citrus blossom and white florals. Lively flavors of Golden Delicious apple and fresh peach emerge on the palate that give way to complex notes of lemon meringue and baking spice. Refined and focused, the finish is long and lifted, framed by a cool minerality and refreshing acidity.