

Paul Hobbs Solidifies Position in the Sonoma Coast Acquiring Goldrock Ridge Vineyard

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Press Release - Winemaker Paul Hobbs has acquired the 42 acre Goldrock Ridge Vineyard, located in the northwest corner of the "true" Sonoma Coast appellation, near the town of Annapolis, CA, thus successfully concluding a quest that began over 3 years ago.

Guarded by a surround of majestic redwood sentinels, Goldrock Ridge Vineyard is spectacularly perched on the second coastal mountain ridge a mere 5 miles inland from the cold waters of the Pacific Ocean. Amid rolling hilltops at an elevation of 550ft amsl, it appears like a crown jewel as it rises from just above the fog line in one of the most sought-after locations in this new frontier of viticulture. Planted ultra-high density to 38 acres of pinot noir and 4 acres of chardonnay, the vineyard's south-west exposure experiences a substantial diurnal temperature shift yielding wines characterized by their tension, structure, and precision of fruit.

Having sourced grapes from this magnificent property for more than five years, Paul is no stranger to Goldrock Ridge Vineyard. "Finding a vineyard like Goldrock Ridge is like finding a rare diamond", states Hobbs. The vineyard has consistently earned awards for environmentally sound development and farming, making the acquisition an ideal fit for Hobbs, whose vineyard holdings across West Sonoma County and the Napa Valley were all recently certified sustainable by the Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance. "I can hardly begin to describe the anticipation and excitement we all share to have our highly experienced and skilled vineyard team take on its oversight", contributes Hobbs.

Located on the south side of Annapolis Road, Goldrock Ridge Vineyard joins Paul Hobbs' collection of esteemed estates including Edward James, Ellen Lane, Katherine Lindsay and Ross Station in the Russian River Valley and Nathan Coombs in Coombsville, the newest subappellation of Napa Valley (2011).

Paul Hobbs firmly believes that "this property one day will be recognized as one of the most revered and pedigreed sites for pinot noir in the United States" and adds, "This acquisition is a significant milestone for the company as a well as a pillar for our future".

Zeponi & Company served as the exclusive financial advisor to the Seller and facilitated the successful transaction.

About Paul Hobbs Wines

Paul Hobbs focuses on meticulous vineyard management coupled with minimally invasive winemaking techniques to produce wines that express their vineyard origins with finesse, complexity and authenticity. Paul Hobbs wines are fermented exclusively with indigenous yeasts, aged in French oak, and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Paul is highly regarded for his ability to identify exceptional vineyards and, for his pioneering spirit in both seeking out and working innovatively with new as well as historical sites and regions in the United States, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, France, Canada and Armenia.

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