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2013
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2013 Four Hearts Vineyards Chardonnay is a classic Russian River Chardonnay built on texture and exuberance. Honey, almonds dried herbs and apricots all flesh out in a generous, deeply expressive Chardonnay. Most of this fruit comes from Tom Dehlinger.

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2013
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2013 Seascape Vineyard Chardonnay is quite a bit richer and oilier than the Jennifer's. Mango, pineapple, spices, butter and French oak blossom in a wine that captures a striking interplay of intense fruit allied to bright, piercing acidity. This is another impeccable, absolutely beautiful Chardonnay from Hartford Court.

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2013
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2013 Stone Côte Vineyard Chardonnay (from Durell) is rich, sumptuous and layered, with attractive floral, honeyed overtones and plenty of orchard fruits. Hints of orange peel, lemon oil, hazelnuts, spices and butter add further dimensions of nuance on the finish. The 2013 stands out for its voluptuous, inviting personality and silky finish.

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2013
THREE JACKS VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Orange blossom, burnt sugar, hazelnuts, spices and roasted almonds open up in the Three Jacks Vineyard Chardonnay. This parcel, which sits within Dutton, is planted with a variety of clones, but it is the Rued clone in particular that add a distinctly exotic flair to both the flavors and textures. The voluptuous, oily finish is super-distinctive.

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2013
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Hartford's Far Coast Vineyard Chardonnay is one of the more expressive and unique wines in this lineup. Ethereal and lifted, with an understated personality, the 2013 stands out for its balance and sense of completeness. The flavors are bright and aromatic throughout. Lemon curd, jasmine and sweet spices linger on the expressive, layered finish.

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2013
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Jennifer's Pineapple, mint, butter, orange blossom and wild flowers are some of the signatures in the 2013 Jennifer's Chardonnay. This silky, perfumed Chardonnay should drink well for a number of years. The Jennifer's is one of the more overt, racy wines in this range, with flavors that tend towards the more tropical end of the spectrum, which is quite unusual considering the cool micro-climate in this part of the Petaluma Gap.

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2013
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2013 Fog Dance Vineyard Chardonnay is quite pretty and lifted in style. Lemon peel, white flowers, mint and white pepper open up nicely in a persistent, beautifully focused Chardonnay. The Fog Dance has a little less mid-palate pliancy than some of the other wines in this range, but it is highly appealing just the same.

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2013
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2013 Arrendell Vineyard Pinot Noir is the most complex and nuanced of these Pinot Noirs from Arrendell. Exotic, perfumed and utterly beguiling, the Arrendell races from the glass with hints of pomegranate, blood orange, wild cherries and savory herbs. The combination of old vines and the Martini clone collide to produce a Pinot Noir of rare pedigree and class. There is a lot to like here.

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2013
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2013 Fog Dance Vineyard Pinot Noir is one of the most distinctive wines in the range. Exotic, spiced aromatics add gorgeous complexity to a core of dark red and black stone fruits. All the elements fall into place in an effortless, impeccably balanced Pinot full of personality and class. The 2012 is both exuberant and intensely aromatic.

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2013
VELVET SISTERS
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2013 Velvet Sisters Pinot Noir is going to need some time to open up. Today, it is the wine's total sense of purity that is compelling. Freshly cut flowers and stone fruits emerge gradually, but the 2013 remains quite embryonic and not fully formed. Still, the wine's potential is pretty easy to see.

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2013
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Silky tannins and expressive, perfumed aromatics are some of the signatures of the 2013 Far Coast Vineyard Pinot Noir. Bright red stone fruits, blood orange, raspberry and savory/floral notes are all nicely lifted in the glass. The personality of this cool site near Annapolis comes through in spades.

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2013
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Hartford's 2013 Jennifer's Pinot Noir is endowed with a lovely sense of energy and vibrancy. Graphite, black cherries, plums and smoke are fused together in an energetic, cool-climate Pinot to drink over the next 7-8 years.



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2013
MARIN
MARIN COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

Freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries, mint and cinnamon are laced together in the 2013 Marin County Pinot Noir. This floral, savory, mid-weight Pinot is an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years.

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2013
HAILEY'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2013 Hailey's Block Pinot Noir is a young vines bottling from Arrendell, which here means an average age of around twenty years. Centered, poised and expressive, the 2013 is all about focus. Dark red purplish stone fruits, graphite and smoke add considerable nuance in a Pinot endowed with considerable personality.

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2013
MULDUNE TRAIL VINEYARD
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

An addition to the range, the Muldune Trail Vineyard Pinot Noir emerges from a site in Anderson Valley near Boonville. Floral aromatics meld into expressive dark red stone fruits in an expressive, mid-weight Pinot with plenty of personality. This cool-climate Pinot is a bit compact, especially through the mid-palate, but quite pretty just the same.

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2013
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Juicy dark cherries, plums, spices, new leather and menthol jump from the glass in the 2013 Seascape Vineyard Pinot Noir. This is a relatively exuberant, fruit-driven style for the true Sonoma Coast

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2013
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2013 Land's Edge Vineyards Pinot Noir is soft, open and expressive, all of which suggest it is best enjoyed over the next few years. Dark red cherry, plum, spice and a hint of new oak meld together on the supple finish. The Land's Edge is a blend of fruit from Far Coast and Seascape, and is a great introduction to the house style.

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2013
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2013 Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard Zinfandel is another drop-dead gorgeous wine in this range. Bright, floral and exuberant, with superb delineation and class, the Fanucchi-Wood Road possesses remarkable complexity. Silky tannins provide the backdrop as this polished Zinfandel shows off its personality. Hints of pomegranate, blood orange and flowers add the final layers of nuance. This is one of the best wines I tasted at Hartford on my most recent visit.

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2013
DINA'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2013 Dina's Vineyard Zinfandel emerges from a parcel of 100 year-old head-trained vines next to Highwire. Savory herbs, flowers and distinctly red-toned fruits open up in a precise, chiseled Zinfandel long on personality. A dollop of Carignane in this parcel seems to add brightness and nuance. Polished and silky through to the finish, the 2013 Dina's is one of many highlights in this exceptional range from Hartford Court.

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2013
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Like the Highwire, the 2013 Hartford Vineyard Zinfandel is very much explosive and powerful, but it also has more than enough fruit and pure mid-palate density to bury the tannins. Layers of fruit build to a huge, voluptuous finish. Today, the 2013 is a baby. I imagine it will still be fabulous at age twenty, perhaps beyond.

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2013
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Blue and black stone fruits, pepper, savory herbs and dark spices are some of the notes that inform the 2013 Highwire Vineyard Zinfandel. At once quite ripe and also tannic, the Highwire is a bit explosive in style, but all the elements come together very nicely. The huge, resonant finish makes a statement, that is for sure.

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2013
JOLENE'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Dark red cherries, plums, lavender and sweet spices make a hugely positive first impression in the 2013 Jolene's Vineyard Zinfandel. Violets, smoke, mint and darker stone fruits develop in the glass, all supported by veins of bright acidity and tannin, both of which help convey freshness. This old-vine site on Olivet Road confers tons of pure personality.

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2013
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2013 Russian River Valley Zinfandel is an attractive, boisterous wine to drink now and over the next few years. Dark red cherry, raspberry, spice, and mint inform the juicy finish. The 2013 is gracious, inviting and pretty much impossible to resist.



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