



HARTFORD
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FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS

Russian River Valley • Chardonnay

2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our family of four makes Four Hearts Vineyards Chardonnay from estate and neighboring vineyards located in the four key regions that form the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA: the Middle Reach, Laguna Ridge, Green Valley and Santa Rosa Bench. The soil is a mixture of ash and lava from ancient volcanoes plus alluvial gravel from rivers and streams. The so-called “Goldridge” soils found here are prized for fine wine production because they drain well and are not very fertile.

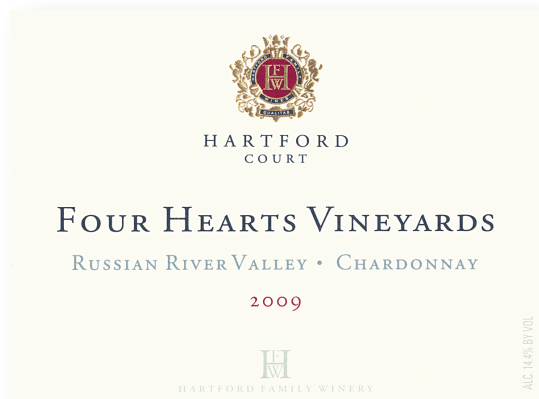
The vineyards are planted with very distinctive Chardonnay clonal selections that range from the Old Wente and Rued Chardonnay field selections to various Dijon clones. These distinctive clones are picked and fermented separately and only the best barrels from each lot are blended to make the final bottling. The Hartford Court Four Hearts Vineyards Chardonnay has a weighty texture with spicy layered flavors, and finishes with a brightness that reflects the cool climate origins of these stellar vineyards. 100% barrel fermented, 100% malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Four Hearts Vineyards Chardonnay leads with aromas of white flowers, tangerine and lemon drop. Layered flavors of stone fruit, yellow apple and baking spices are complemented by a rich and weighty mid-palate and a mineral-driven finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 38% new
Time in oak: 10 months
Alcohol: 14.8%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.60



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2008: “Outstanding” 92/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, February 2010
- 2008: “Outstanding” 91/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*, May 2010
- 2008: “Outstanding” 91/100, *Wine & Spirits*, October 2010
- 2008: “Outstanding” 90/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2007: “Extraordinary” 96/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, December 2008
- 2006: “Outstanding” 91/100, *Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
- 2006: “Outstanding” 91/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, December 2007
- 2005: “Outstanding” 91/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*, September 2007
- 2005: “Outstanding” 91/100, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, December 2006