

HARTFORD

HARTFORD VINEYARD RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2009

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Don Hartford tends this 96-year old vineyard located on approximately seven acres along Wood Road in the Russian River AVA of Sonoma County. The vineyard is head-pruned and produces low annual yields of roughly 1.5 tons an acre. Some vines produce only several clusters of intensely flavored grapes a year. The signature of this unique terroir is a sweet blackberry aroma and a supple texture.

Wood Road has well-drained, low fertility, sandy loam soils about two to three feet in depth over deeper layers of compacted sandy loam of about four to six inches. Because the Italian immigrants who planted the Wood Road Vineyard in the early 1900s wanted to ensure long vine life and moisture for their dry-farmed vines, they placed a blasting cap where each vine was to be planted and blasted through the compacted layer. Today we continue to enjoy the fruits of their ingenuity and celebrate the legacy of 'dynamite' Zinfandels. The Hartford Vineyard has also been farmed using organic and bio-dynamic techniques since 2004.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Hartford Vineyard's low-yielding vines produce elegant Zinfandel characterized by a sumptuous and velvety texture. Boysenberry, anise and allspice aromas transition into ripe black raspberry and mulberry flavors with a cinnamon stick finish. Well-integrated tannins juxtapose juicy flavors and an opulent texture.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 67% new
Time in oak:	11 months
Alcohol:	16.3%
TA:	5.7 g/L
pH:	3.82
Cases produced:	191
Unfined and Unfiltered	

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2008:	"Outstanding"	95/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
2007:	"Outstanding"	92/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
2007:	"Outstanding"	93/100,	<i>Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar</i>
2006:	"Outstanding"	90/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
2004:	"Outstanding"	91/100,	<i>Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine</i>
2003:	"Outstanding"	91/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
2001:	"Outstanding"	95/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
2000:	"Outstanding"	94/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>
1999:	"Outstanding"	90/100,	<i>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</i>

