

HARTFORD COURT

# MACLEAN'S BLOCK RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • PINOT NOIR 2019

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

MacLean's Block, named after Don and Jennifer Hartford's son, was planted in 2000 when MacLean was just three years old. MacLean loves the vineyard site and its surrounding forest that is home to cougars, bobcats, wild turkeys, red tailed hawks and now a bear. It is an estate owned vineyard nestled near redwood and mixed oak and pine groves on a beautiful north-eastern facing slope near the small town of Occidental. Scenic views of the Russian River Valley, Mount St. Helena and Geyser Peak make MacLean's block one of the most beautiful vineyard locations in all of Sonoma County. The site is planted to Dijon 667 and 777 selections on Goldridge fine sandy loam soils. There is a true sense of the forest that surrounds the vineyard that carries through into this compelling expression of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir.

# TASTING NOTES

Dark cherry, concentrated blueberry, Asian spice and forest floor aromas are complemented by a broad and pliant texture and a mocha-spice finish. Black cherry, black tea and leather flavors all give this well-structured wine a wonderful combination of drinkability and ageabilty.

#### WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 33% new
Time in oak:	16 months
Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	14.6%
TA:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.50
Cases produced:	211
Unfined and unfiltered	

## HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018:	92 points	A.G., Vinous, July 2021
2018:	93 points	L.PB., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, January 2021
2018:	95 points	V.B., Wine Enthusiast, September 2021
2018:	98 points	J.D., JebDunnuck, July 2021
2017:	93 points	V.B., Wine Enthusiast, July 2020
2017:	93 points	J.D., JebDunnuck, May 2020
2017:	93 points	A.G., Vinous, April 2020
2017:	94+ points	L.PB., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, February 2020
2016:	95+ points	L.PB., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, October 2018
2015:	95 points	L.PB., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, December 2017
2015:	90-93 points	A.G., Vinous, March 2017
2014:	94 points	R.M.P., Jr., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, October 2016
2013:	93+ points	R.M.P., Jr., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, October 2015
2012:	90+ points	S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2014
2011:	93 points	S.H., Wine Enthusiast, April 2014
2011:	91-92 points	S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2013
2010:	91-92 points	S.T., International Wine Cellar, May 2012
2009:	91 points	A.G., Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, December 2011

