



HARTFORD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • ZINFANDEL

2007

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Don Hartford tends this 93-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 a few clusters of intensely flavored grapes a year. The signature of this unique *terroir* is a sweet blackberry aroma and a supple texture.

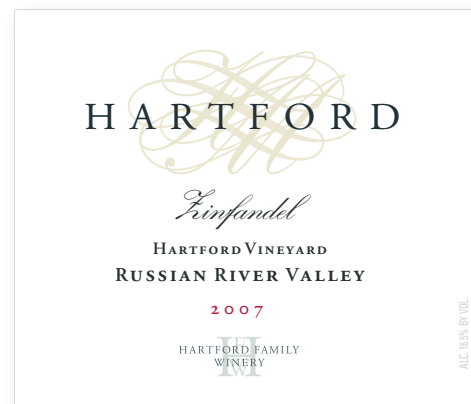
Wood Road has well-drained, low fertility, sandy loam soils over deeper layers of compacted sandy loam. Because the Italian immigrants who planted the Wood Road Vineyard in the early 1900s wanted to ensure long vine life and moisture for their dry-farmed vines, they placed a blasting cap where each vine 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 2007 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, 50 % new
Time in oak:	11 months
Alcohol:	16.5%
TA:	5.5 g/L
pH:	3.69
Yeasts:	Native and cultured
Cases produced:	460
No fining or filtration	



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2007: 91/100, *The Wine Spectator*, June 2009

2007: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009

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