



HIGHWIRE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • ZINFANDEL

2007

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 97-year old Highwire Vineyard takes its name from the vineyards trellising systems: half of the parcel is head-trained and half is trained on an unusually high wire strung between each vine. This unconventional trellising method was devised by vineyard owner Lloyd Chelli, to permit greater sun exposure and promote even ripening. Both sections of the vineyard are harvested separately and evaluated individually before selecting the best lots to ensure consistency in style of the incredibly unique 'Highwire' Vineyard Zinfandel.

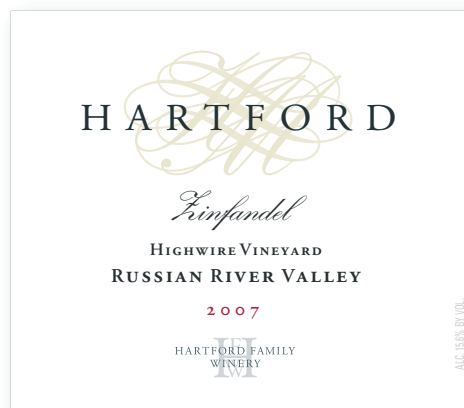
The Chelli family cares deeply for the old vines behind their home. Their dedicated approach to farming is reflected in the character of the wine produced from their vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

Consistently distinctive spicy, white pepper nuances differentiate the Highwire single-vineyard Zinfandel from our other Zinfandel bottlings. Intense, wild blackberry and boysenberry fruit flavors complement white pepper, nutmeg and cinnamon notes in this Zinfandel.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 45% new
Time in oak: 11 months
Alcohol: 15.5%
TA: 5.5g/L
pH: 3.81
Yeasts: Native and cultured
Cases produced: 300
Unfiltered



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2007: 96/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*, August 2009
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