

HARTFORD FAMILY WINES



HARTFORD
COURT

MARIN

MARIN COUNTY • PINOT NOIR
2000

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Grapes for the 2000 Marin Pinot Noir are sourced from a small, single vineyard that is planted to the Mt. Eden Clone of Pinot Noir. Situated on a very cold hilltop west of the town of Nicasio, this low-yielding vineyard produces about one and a half tons per acre in good years.

Deemed too cold to grow wine grapes, Marin County has very few acres planted to Pinot Noir. Although viticulture is a struggle in Marin, the effort rewards us with the strength of character and personality that we search for at Hartford Court.

TASTING NOTES

The 2000 Marin Pinot Noir shows crushed raspberry, smoked meat and dark chocolate aromas and flavors over a rich, smooth texture. Its exceptional density and persistent flavors of blackberry liquor, black plums, and espresso cascade into a long finish with well-integrated tannins. This complex and expressive Pinot Noir will continue to improve for 5 to 7 years.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak; 65% new
Time in oak: 13 months
Alcohol: 14.3%
TA: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.64
Yeast: Native and cultured
Cases produced: 315
No fining or filtration



Pinot Noir vines outside of Nicasio, CA

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

1999 Marin Pinot Noir

"...notions of melted fudge intermixed with black cherries, plums and raspberries. Dense, deep and youthful... it will age nicely for a decade" **90+/100 rating** 'Outstanding' Robert Parker Jr., The Wine Advocate (December, 2000)

"Hartford Court is making some of the USA's best Pinot Noirs, primarily from Sonoma County vineyards... The Marin bottling is first rate: full bodied, crisp, refined in flavor."

★★★★+ 'Excellent to Exceptional' Ronn Wiegand M.S., M.W., Restaurant Wine (Issue No. 86)

92/100 rating 'Cellar Selection', The Wine Enthusiast (July, 2002)