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2017
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Jennifer's is bright, finely cut and nuanced. Lemon confit, crushed rocks, mint, white pepper and a whole range of saline notes run through the 2017. This is one of the more precise, sculpted wines in the range. – Apr. 2020

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2017
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard from a vineyard in Green Valley, is rich and unctuous in the glass. Apricot, orange jam, wildflowers and light tropical tones infuse the Fog Dance with lovely textural depth and resonance. – Apr. 2020

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2017
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Stone Côte Vineyard is soft, pliant and super-expressive, with lovely stoniness that gives the wine a feeling of structure and mineral-laced persistence. This is such a pretty wine. Apricot, orange confit, mint and honeyed notes all come together effortlessly. – Apr. 2020

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2017
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD
LOS CARNEROS
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Sevens Bench, from a site in Carneros, is rich and ample in feel. Tropical overtones add nuance to a core of orchard fruit, lemon confit, spice, butter, almond and chamomile overtones. – Apr. 2020

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2017
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard balances nervy tension with a good deal of mid-palate richness. White flowers, mint and white pepper add a brilliant upper register that gives the wine a feeling of energy and vibrancy. – Apr. 2020

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2017
THREE JACKS VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Three Jacks is one of the racier wines in this range. Cream soda, spice, orange confit, butter and exotic floral notes are nicely pushed forward. The 2017 is open-knit, expressive and so inviting. – Apr. 2020

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2018
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards is a wine of richness and phenolic intensity. Old vines convey a real sense of weight, oiliness and gravitas. Readers will find an especially dense, savory Chardonnay with tons of floral and herbal character, but less in the way of overt fruit. – Apr. 2020

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2017
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards is another pretty, appellation-level Chardonnay from Hartford Court. Apricot, orange peel, spice, chamomile and lightly buttered notes flesh out in this resonant, inviting Chardonnay. My impression is that the Four Hearts will drink best upon release. – May 2019

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2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay (Russian River) is a delicious entry-level Chardonnay from Hartford Court. Yellow orchard fruit and expressive floral notes are nicely pushed forward in this very pretty, open-knit Chardonnay. – May 2019

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2018
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay (Russian River) is a gorgeous appellation-level wine. Bright floral and citrus notes give the Russian River Chardonnay lovely tension. This is such a terrific introduction to the vintage. – Apr. 2020

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2017
RADIAN VINEYARD
STA. RITA HILLS
CHARDONNAY

The 2017 Chardonnay Radian Vineyard is powerful and quite dense, with tropical overtones that gradually emerge with a bit of aeration. There is plenty of depth, if maybe a bit less of the nuance that defines so many Chardonnays off this site. Overall, the 2017 is a solid debut, from Radian, one of the most evocative sites in Santa Barbara, or California, for that matter. – Apr. 2020



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2017
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

A rich, unctuous wine, the 2017 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard is going to need a few years to shed some baby fat. Exotic floral, spice and citrus aromatics meld into a core of plush fruit in a deep, textured Pinot that will have so much to offer one it comes together a bit more fully in bottle. The 2017 has the density and richness to develop beautifully in bottle for many years to come. – Apr. 2020

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2017
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Fog Dance Vineyard is creamy and voluptuous in the glass, with tremendous richness. A wine of real substance, the Fog Dance is going to need at least a few years to come together. Red and purplish fruit, pomegranate, blood orange, lavender and star anise build as this potent Pinot shows off its multi-faceted personality. – Apr. 2020

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2017
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards is one of the more refined and pedigreed wines in this range. Rich and deep, yet also finely cut, the 2017 captures the magic of the coastal sites that go into the blend. Inky purplish fruit, sage, lavender, mint and spice all build as this super-expressive Pinot shows off its pedigreed personality. The 2017 is so nicely done. – Apr. 2020

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2017
JENNIFER'S
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

One of the standouts in this tasting, the 2017 Pinot Noir Jennifer's is fabulous. Super-ripe red and purplish fruit, rose petal, lavender, game and blood orange infuse the 2017 with striking character. The Jennifer's is one of the more savory wines in the range. I especially admire the wine's aromatic depth, but there are many dimensions here to discover. – Apr. 2020

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2017
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard is bright, fruity and beautifully focused. Sweet red cherry, raspberry, mint and earthy notes grace this expressive, coastal Pinot Noir from Hartford Court. This mid-weight, gracious Pinot has so much to offer. – Apr. 2020

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2017
MULDUNE TRAIL
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Muldune Trail, also from Anderson Valley, presents a darker profile and more muscular tannins than the Velvet Sisters Pinot tasted alongside it. Spice, leather, coffee, a savory herbs play off a core of dense fruit. Powerful and explosive in the glass, the 2017 needs time to soften, but it is very clearly a special wine in the making. – Apr. 2020

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2017
MACLEAN'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir MacLean's Block is a powerful, heady wine. Exotic spice, blood orange, mint, cedar and new leather infuse the 2017 with quite a bit of character. The aromatics are especially deeply-pitched. Then again, the MacLean's Block is one of the wines in this range that gets a dollop of whole clusters. – Apr. 2020

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2017
HAILEY'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block is rich and exuberant, with tons of fruit richness to match its racy personality. This forward and luscious wine is brimming with red and purplish fruit and spice that make this one of the more juicy, overt wines in this range. – Apr. 2020

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2017
VELVET SISTERS
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters, from the Jackson Family's Maggy Hawk estate, shows the natural exuberance of Anderson Valley in its forward fruit and bold, luscious personality. Soft curves add to its racy, inviting personality. The 2017 will offer superb drinking pleasure over the next decade, maybe more. – Apr. 2020

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2017
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD
LOS CARNEROS
PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Seven's Bench is soft, creamy and engaging—all qualities that make it an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years. Spice, leather, cedar and earthy tones give the Seven's Bench a distinctly brambly character that is quite appealing. – Apr. 2020



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2018
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir (Russian River) is a very pretty appellation-level wine in this range. Floral, finely cut and lifted, the 2018 captures all of the energy of the growing season. Crushed red berries and floral notes add energy to this medium-bodied, refreshing Pinot. I can hardly wait to taste the rest of the 2018 Hartford Court Pinots. – Apr. 2020

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2017
 FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD
 STA. RITA HILLS
 PINOT NOIR

The 2017 Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard is pretty, floral and quite savory. Cedar, tobacco, dried herbs, mint and earthy notes all develop nicely with a bit of air. Time in the glass releases some of the wilder, gamier notes that are typical of this Sta. Rita Hills site. – Apr. 2020



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2018
 DINA'S VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard is bright, perfumed and incredibly gracious. There is plenty of energy, but the Dina's has a weightless feel that gives energy and a real feeling of finesse. A wine of precision and nuance, the Dina's hits all the right notes. It is such a gorgeous and expressive wine. – Apr. 2020

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2018
 FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel is one of the standouts in this range from Hartford. A burst of floral notes and beams of tannin give the Fanucchi a real feeling of tension and drive. Dollops Petite Sirah in this field blend add character. There is something - many things, actually, about the Fanucchi-Wood Road Zinfandel that are so appealing. – Apr. 2020

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2017
 DINA'S VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard is the clear standout in this range. Rich, sumptuous and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2017 hits all the right notes. Above all else, the Dina's Zinfandel is a wine of texture, but the presence of Alicante is felt as well. – May 2019

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2017
 HARTFORD VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Hartford Vineyard Zinfandel is creamy, sensual and inviting, with terrific balance of fruit, aromatics and acidity. Bright red berry fruit and floral notes give the Hartford Vineyard Zinfandel its distinctive signatures. All of the elements come together in a racy Zinfandel loaded with class and personality. – May 2019

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2018
 HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard is rich, boisterous and super-expressive, with tremendous energy and real presence. A wine of character and presence, the Highwire exudes depth, richness and power. Inky dark cherry and plum, chocolate, licorice, spice and menthol add to an impression of gravitas. – Apr. 2020

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2018
 HARTFORD VINEYARD
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
 ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard is another super-expressive wine in this range. Rose petal, mint, lavender and inky red and purplish fruit all infuse the 2018 with notable dimension that reveals itself fully with aeration. Head-trained vineyards in this site on Wood Road yield wines of real character. The 2018 is layered, silky, and most importantly, flat-out delicious. – Apr. 2020



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2018
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel (Russian River) is bright, punchy and full of the energy that makes this vintage so compelling. Succulent dark cherry, plum, chocolate, lavender, licorice, spice, menthol and pine add aromatic character to this bold, dark Zinfandel. – Apr. 2020

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2018
JOLENE'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

In 2018, the Zinfandel Jolene's Vineyard is wonderfully approachable and inviting. Floral notes, red and purplish fruit and blood orange infuse this mid-weight, silky Zinfandel with tremendous character. The Jolene's is one of the more lifted, succulent wines in the range. – Apr. 2020

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2017
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard is laced with the essence of dark cherry, leather, spice, tobacco, cedar and menthol. Pliant and forward, with plenty of bright supporting acidity, the 2017 has a lot to offer. The earthy, spicy side of Zinfandel comes through nicely. – May 2019

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2017
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard is distinguished by a real sense of weight and gravitas. Leather, cedar, licorice, tobacco and dried herbs add layers of nuance. The Fanucchi-Wood Road is the darkest and most powerful of these Zinfandels from Hartford, which is probably attributable to a field blend that includes Petite Sirah. – May 2019

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2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

The 2017 Zinfandel (Russian River) is a terrific introduction to this range of Zinfandels from Hartford. Bright, punchy and forward, the 2017 is super-expressive. Juicy red berry fruit and high-toned floral notes are nicely pushed forward in a succulent, juicy Zinfandel that will drink well right out of the gate. – May 2019