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POINTS

**2014**  
**STONE CÔTE VINEYARD**  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

The 2014 Chardonnay Stone Cote Vineyard is laced with pretty floral, spice, apricot pit, orange peel and lightly buttered notes, all in a mid-weight, gracious style that will drink well young early. The Stone Cote emerges from a parcel within the famed Durrell Vineyard.

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**2014**  
**THREE JACKS VINEYARD**  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

Hartford's 2014 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard captures the richness and intensity that are typical of Russian River. Orange peel, honey, chamomile, wild flowers and hints of tropically-leaning fruit give the 2014 an expressive, extroverted edge.

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POINTS

**2014**  
**FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

Hartford's 2014 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards is seamless, textured and totally silky on the palate. Here it is the wine's palate feel and suave personality that stand out most. Peach, apricot pit, honey, butter and hazelnut are some of the signatures in this voluptuous Chardonnay. The Four Hearts is mostly old-vine fruit from Dehlinger. This is a strong showing for Hartford's entry-level Chardonnay.

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**2014**  
**FOG DANCE VINEYARD**  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

The 2014 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard is one of the most succulent, forward wines in the range. Apricot pit, peach, smoke, candied lemon and exotic flowers flesh out in a plush, inviting Chardonnay with considerable near and medium-term appeal.

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**2014**  
**FAR COAST VINEYARD**  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

The 2014 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard is endowed with a real sense of phenolic intensity and breadth, which serves to balance the more overt, tropically-leaning elements that develop in the glass. A wine of true distinction, the 2014 will drink well for at least a handful of years. Clean, saline notes buffer the finish. The Far Coast emerges from a vineyard that sits at 1,000 feet above sea level. It is also one of the most distinctive wines in the range.

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**2014**  
**SEASCAPE VINEYARD**  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard presents a very different expression of Chardonnay than the Far Coast. Apricot jam, wild flowers, honey and chamomile are some of the signatures. Winemaker Jeff Stewart likes to open the canopy here to stave off disease pressure, which also gives this wine a bit more raciness in its fruit than the Far Coast.

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**2014**  
**MARIN COUNTY**  
MARIN COUNTY  
PINOT NOIR

Bright red cherry, cranberry, orange peel, cinnamon and sweet floral notes are all pushed forward in the 2014 Pinot Noir Marin County. Vibrant to the core, the 2014 is an ideal Pinot for drinking over the next few years, while the flavors retain their youthful energy. Veins of underlying salinity give the flavors a real acid-driven pop.

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**2014**  
**SEASCAPE VINEYARD**  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Seascape Vineyard is round, polished and seductive, with a lovely mid-palate pliancy and plenty of generosity. Spice, new leather and menthol wrap around the inviting finish. Rose petal, savory herbs and mint add the closing layers of nuance.

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**2014**  
**FOG DANCE VINEYARD**  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Bright red cherry, pomegranate, wild flowers, mint and blood orange are some of the signatures in the 2014 Pinot Noir Fog Dance Vineyard. Mid-weight and gracious in style, the Fog Dance is another very pretty wine. Here, too, the vibrant acidity is very much front and center.

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**2014**  
**HAILEY'S BLOCK**  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block is one of the more exuberant, racy wines in the Hartford range. Succulent dark cherry, plum, spice, menthol, licorice and cloves flesh out in a powerful, inviting wine. The 2014 is bold, juicy and forward, all of which make it an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years.

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**2014**  
**MULDUNE TRAIL**  
ANDERSON VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Muldune Trail is powerful, rich and incisive, with notable depth and power. Dark cherry, plum, mocha, spice meld into the succulent, radiant finish. Drink this forward, juicy Pinot Noir over the next handful of years. Muldune Trail emerges from a site at the southern end of Anderson Valley.

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**2014**  
**VELVET SISTERS**  
ANDERSON VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters is a little bit more severe and narrow in its overall feel than most of the Hartford Pinots. Dark cherry, plum, menthol, violet and licorice are all nicely delineated today. It will be interesting to see what happens as the wine finishes its aging and goes into bottle.

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**2014**  
**MACLEAN'S BLOCK**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir MacLean's Block is another wine that presents a bit of an austere edge today. There is plenty of power and intensity, but the mid-palate is somewhat compact at this stage. Savory herbs, graphite, wild flowers and a host of dark-fleshed fruits open up, but only with considerable reluctance. Still there is good potential here.

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**2014**  
**LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS**  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyard is plump, juicy and approachable. Floral and savory notes add aromatic lift to the intense dark fruit, yet this remains an especially succulent Pinot for the Sonoma Coast.

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**2014**  
**FAR COAST VINEYARD**  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard is one of the most overt, juicy Pinot Noirs in this range. Plum, black cherry, cola, sweet spices and leather fill out the wine's frame quite nicely. Drink this plump, juicy Pinot Noir over the next handful of years.

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**2014**  
**JENNIFER'S**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The 2014 Pinot Noir Jennifer's emerges from one of the coolest areas in the Russian River, which gives the wine much of its sense of restraint. Dark cherry, graphite, mint, sage and lavender are all given an extra kick of brightness from the vibrant acidity that is so pronounced in this vintage. The Jennifer's is another expressive, nuanced wine from Hartford.

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**2014**  
**ARRENDELL VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

One of the flagships in this range, Hartford's 2014 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard is sweet, perfumed and totally gracious on the palate. Silky tannins, nuanced aromatics and an emphasis on finesse rather than power are some of the many signatures. This is a vivid, wonderfully nuanced Pinot from Hartford.

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**2014**  
**RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**  
ZINFANDEL

The 2014 Zinfandel (Russian River Valley) is dark, juicy and flavorful, with plenty of acid kick to prop up the flavors, dark cherry, blackberry, spice and violets are pushed forward. Drink this delicious Zinfandel over the next few years.

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POINTS

**2014**  
**JOLENE'S VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

The 2014 Zinfandel Jolene's Vineyard is aromatic, lifted and nuanced, with pretty earthy, savory undertones that add complexity. This is an especially gracious mid-weight Zinfandel. A host of bright red stone fruit and pomegranate notes add the closing shades of nuance.

**95**  
POINTS

**2014**  
**FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

One of the highlights in this range of Zinfandels, the 2014 Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard is also one of the very best wines in the entire lineup. Lifted and gracious on the palate, the Fanucchi-Wood Road has a very distinctive red fruit profile that can probably be traced back to the Carignane that is planted here. Today, the 2014 is absolutely compelling.

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**2014**  
**HIGHWIRE VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

A dark, meaty wine, the 2014 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard offers lovely depth and pliancy throughout. Inky blue/purplish fruit, spices, menthol and licorice fill out the wine's broad frame nicely. The Highwire is one of the more massively constituted wines in the range, and will appeal most to readers who like big Zinfandels.

**94**  
POINTS

**2014**  
**HARTFORD VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

The 2014 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard is pliant, round and deeply expressive, with darker tonalities of fruit and plenty of exuberance. Black cherry, plum, olive and savory herb overtones race across the palate as this deep, pungent Zinfandel shows off its irrepressible personality.

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**2014**  
**DINA'S VINEYARD**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

A bold, immediate wine, the 2014 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard offers plenty of up-front intensity and concentration. Dark cherry, blueberry, spice and menthol are all pushed forward. There is no shortage of depth or intensity, but I find fewer shades of dimension and a bit less to engage the senses than in some of the other wines. The 2014 Dina's is delicious, but the competition is pretty intense in this range of superb Zinfandels from Hartford.