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POINTS

2011
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Hartford's 2011 Chardonnay Far Coast...apricots, nectarines, butter, honey and spices meld together in the glass...full of promise.

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2011
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2011 Chardonnay Fog Dance is laced with citrus, matchstick, white flowers, crushed rocks and mint. Bright, fresh and totally articulate, the Fog Dance is another superb wine in this vintage. Floral notes reappear on the finish, adding a vibrant, saline-infused brightness.

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2011
STONE COTE
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2011 Chardonnay Stone Cote Vineyard...is one of the softest, most textured Chardonnays I tasted from the 2011 vintage. Nectarines, orange blossoms, butter and sweet spices all meld together in the glass. It remains oily and lush on the palate, yet not at all heavy.

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POINTS

2011
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY SONOMA
CHARDONNAY

The 2011 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyards is striking in its beauty. Dried pears, flowers, spices and a hint of French oak are all woven together in a gorgeous wine that captures the essence of Chardonnay from this specific part of the Russian River. Clean veins of minerality frame the saline, bracing finish.

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POINTS

2010
HAILEY'S BLOCK
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2010 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block ...offers up freshly cut flowers, sweet black cherries, mint, licorice, new leather and a hint of French oak. Vibrant and delineated, the 2010 marries the typical generosity of these Dijon clones in the Green Valley with the cool, insistent minerality of the vintage.

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2010
VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Autumn leaves, mint, tobacco, earthiness and dried cherries all come together in the 2010 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters. Firm tannins and crystalline nuances typical of Anderson Valley come through loud and clear. Sweet floral notes wrap around the fruit in this poised, chiseled wine. The acidity and freshness of the vintage reappear on the finish, adding distinction and personality.

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2010
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2010 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard stands out for its deep, resonant personality...there is no shortage of depth and nuance in the glass. Sweet floral and spice notes add lift to the finish.

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2010
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2010 Pinot Noir Fog Dance Vineyard is another wine endowed with serious depth and richness. Juicy dark cherries, cola, new leather, cloves and orange rind all burst from the glass. This is a decidedly rich, explosive wine that stands out for its extroverted personality. Layers of fruit continue to blossom in the glass as the wine shows off its raciness.

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2010
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Hartford's 2010 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard captures the best qualities of Russian River Pinot. Juicy and explosive, the 2010 is layered and nuanced throughout. Juicy dark cherries, hard candy, mint and freshly cut flowers are all alive in the glass. The Arrendell has a level of inner perfume, complexity and sheer sweetness that is remarkable. Hints of sage, rosemary and mint add nuance on the close. This is a gorgeous wine from start to finish.

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2010
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Hartford Court's 2010 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards brings together fruit from Far Coast and Seascap, a blend that works very nicely. Far Coast provides the body and structure, while Seascap contributes aromatic delineation and energy. There is an element of lift and sheer nuance in the Land's Edge that is wonderful. Here, too, I find superb precision in the flavors.

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2010
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

A gorgeous wine, the 2010 Pinot Noir Seascap Vineyard is full of character. Savory herbs, tobacco and licorice are some of the notes that take shape in the glass. Focused, bright and beautifully articulated, the 2011 is an excellent rendering of Pinot from this coastal site just west of Occidental. This is yet another in a series of hugely impressive wines from Hartford Court.



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JOLENE'S VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

The 2011 Zinfandel Jolene's Vineyard is laced with sweet tobacco, wild flowers, sage and rosemary. The style is less obvious than in many of the other wines in this range, instead, the Jolene's relies on its energy and focus to impress, which it does quite nicely. The finish is all about precision and nuance.

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2011
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2011 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard, from vines that were planted over 100 years ago, is pure minerality. Exotic citrus peel and floral notes emerge over time.

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2011
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HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

A wine of considerable muscle and depth, the 2011 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard stands apart for its plushness and richness. Layers of dark, floral-infused red/black hued fruit saturate the palate. The 2011 is gorgeous today, but it should also age nicely for at least a handful of years.

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2011
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DINA'S VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

The 2011 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard is another of the more polished wines in this lineup. Juicy dark cherries, plums, menthol, violets and new leather all take shape in this sensual, layered Zinfandel. This Dina's is arguably the most complete wine in the range of 2011 Zinfandels.

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POINTS

2011
HARTFORD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2011 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard boasts gorgeous depth of fruit and pure radiance. Juicy, dark and expressive, the 2011 has tons of palate presence and texture, all while expressing plenty of varietal character and nuance. There is a lot to admire here. Sweet floral notes add a level of brightness that is unusual for an old-vine Zinfandel made from such tiny yields.



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