



HARTFORD  
COURT

**94**  
POINTS

**2011**  
SEASCAPE VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

This is one of the most dramatic Chardonnays of the vintage, which was a difficult one owing to the coldest summer in many years. Somehow, Hartford Court's viticulturalists pulled it off. There's no trace of the greenness or unripeness that mark some other '11 Chards. Instead, you'll find waves of awesomely ripe apricots, tangerines and pears, enriched with smoky oak and brightened with brisk acidity. Terrific now and over the next 4–5 years.

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
FAR COAST VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

The vineyard is in the far northwestern, mountainous part of the county, on the true Sonoma Coast. You can taste the cold, foggy nights in the mouthwatering acidity, and the warm, sunny days in the ripe oranges, tropical fruits and limes. As always, this Hartford Court Chardonnay brims with balanced elegance. It's ready to drink now.

**93**  
POINTS

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

This is a huge, gigantic Chardonnay. It's an atomic blast of tropical fruits, apricots, peaches, pears, oranges and zesty limes, along with plenty of toasty, caramelized oak. This massive richness is fortunately balanced by wonderful acidity and even a streak of minerality, like a lick of chalk and granite.

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
STONE COTE  
SONOMA COAST  
CHARDONNAY

Crack the lobster and crab, sauté the scallops, bring on the wild mushroom risotto. This glamorous Chard will rise to the occasion with the best foods. It's got it all: crisp acidity, a fine minerality, rich oaky influence and above all massive tropical fruit, pear and Meyer lemon flavors, with a crunchy minerality. Grows more fascinating as it warms in the glass.

**91**  
POINTS

**2011**  
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
CHARDONNAY

A blend of several vineyards, this Chardonnay captures the exquisite ripeness and tart acidity of the valley. It's lush in apricots, oranges, pineapples and honey, with the buttered toast and vanilla of French oak barrels. Sure is tasty for drinking now.

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
ARRENDELL VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Raspberry and cherry fruit flavors, with exotic hints of ripe Christmas persimmons and plum sauce, are upfront and appealing. Beyond the fruit is the most wonderful acidity, courtesy of the chilly vintage. Credit has to go to the grapegrowers who so successfully managed the vintage's cool challenges. Cellar Selection.

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
FAR COAST VINEYARD  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

This is the biggest and most alcoholic of the winery's 2011 Pinots. Strong flavors of raspberry and cherry pie filling, white chocolate and macaroons make it almost sweet, but it's not. The richness is in the middle palate, while the finish is clean and dry. Lots of people will drink it too soon, but try giving it until 2018–2019 in the cellar. Cellar Selection.

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
FOG DANCE VINEYARD  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The structure on this Pinot Noir is superb. It's brisk and mouthwatering in acidity and firm in tannins, giving the wine an architecture for the fabulous ripe raspberries, cherries, pomegranates and orange zest. Drink after 2019. Cellar Selection

**93**  
POINTS

**2011**  
MACLEAN'S BLOCK  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

The vineyard is near Occidental, in the cooler southwestern part of the valley. Although daytime highs can be considerable, the nights cool off rapidly, preserving the vital acidity that's so noticeable. The flavors show the pure, long hangtime ripeness of all Hartford Court's 2011s: raspberries, cherries and blood oranges, with deeper notes of dark chocolate and anise liqueur. This wine will have no trouble aging until 2024. Cellar Selection

**92**  
POINTS

**2011**  
MARIN COUNTY  
PINOT NOIR

This Pinot is a full percentage point lower in alcohol by volume than the winery's Russian River bottlings, and that shows in the delicacy of mouthfeel and crisp acidity. There's nothing shy about the flavors, though, which range from ripe raspberries and cherries through red currants and red licorice to savory notes of bacon and tobacco. Drink now–2020.

**92**  
POINTS

**2011**  
HAILEY'S BLOCK  
GREEN VALLEY OF THE  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

There's a great depth of ripe, bright red raspberry and cherry pie fruit flavors in this Pinot, to which oak adds complicating notes of caramel and vanilla bean. It has plenty of upfront appeal, but should get better until 2020–2021 as the primary flavors recede, allowing drier, mushroomy bouquet to emerge. Cellar Selection.



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92  
POINTS

2012  
JENNIFER'S  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
PINOT NOIR

Grown in the cooler Sebastopol Hills part of the southern valley, this Pinot is a great success for the vintage. It's refreshingly keen in acidity, with some firm tannins framing ripe, savory raspberry and cherry fruit flavors, edged with smoky oak. Delicious now, but give it until 2019–2020 in the cellar. *Cellar Selection.*

90  
POINTS

2012  
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS  
SONOMA COAST  
PINOT NOIR

The wine is a blend of various vineyards located in the far Sonoma Coast. This origin shows in the brisk acidity, keen minerality and overall bracing structure of this ripe, succulent wine. It brims with wild raspberry and cherry, roasted coconut, white chocolate, anise and toasty oak flavors that last for a full minute into the finish. It's probably at its best now.

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92  
POINTS

2011  
DINA'S VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

Big, bold, brawny yet strangely elegant, this Zin holds plenty of appeal. The vineyard is 96 years old, giving the wine unusual concentration and complexity. It's one of the winery's riper 2011 Zins, massive in wild raspberries, cherries and prunes, with spicy notes of black pepper and a nice touch of smoky oak.

92  
POINTS

2011  
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

Zinfandel fans will celebrate this powerfully ripe, exuberant wine. It's classic Russian River Zin, dry, tannic, heady and enormously rich in black currants, raisins, prunes, beef jerky and exotic baking spices. The finish is so fruity, it's almost sweet, yet is actually quite dry, making it clean and zesty.

92  
POINTS

2011  
HARTFORD VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

At 98 years of age, the vineyard certainly qualifies as old vine, which isn't the case with all wines so labeled. Who really knows what varieties actually constitute these ancient vineyards, but this wine is certainly rich in Zinfandel character. The wild raspberry and cherry fruits have a briary edge, suggesting the tartness of Dr. Pepper cola, the nettles of summer chamomile and the savoriness of green peppercorn. There's little question that the wine will age well, but there's no reason not to drink it now, with proper decanting.

92  
POINTS

2011  
JOLENE'S VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

If you're tired of Zinfandels that are unbalanced and inelegant, try this one. Yes, the alcohol is high, but it folds perfectly into everything else. The vineyard is in the Olivet Road part of the valley, which in many ways represents the ideal terroir of the Russian River. You'll find brisk acidity and firm tannins in this wine, but also ripely appealing blackberry, cherry, cola and briary wild chamomile flavors. This seriously good wine will age until 2022.

91  
POINTS

2011  
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ZINFANDEL

They say the vineyard is over 100 years old. It shows intensely concentrated flavors of wild raspberries, with vanilla, white pepper, sandalwood and exotic baking spice notes. A hint of blueberry marks the finish. Drink this heady, delicious Zin now and until 2019.



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