

2008 Chardonnays and 2008 Zinfandels



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POINTS

2008
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2008 Chardonnay Stone Côte (a block of vines within the larger Durell Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast) is an unfiltered, crisp, elegant white exhibiting notes of creamy crème brûlée, white peach, apricot and lemon blossom intertwined with hints of quince, wet stones and nectarines. The beauty reveals unmistakable minerality as well as power allied to elegance.

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2008
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Crisp, zesty notes of citrus, peaches, lemon oil, candied apples, and brioche alone with tart acids are found in this lean Chardonnay as well as impressive minerality and a long finish.

HARTFORD

95
POINTS

2008
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2008 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard boasts abundant aromas (black raspberries, blackberries, spring flowers, spice) reminiscent of a top-notch Pomerol. Silky-textured and full-bodied with a superb texture and long finish, this is another exquisite Zinfandel to consume over the next 5-7 years.

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2008
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by glorious aromas of blackberries, boysenberries, raspberries, earth and spice. Full-bodied as well as remarkably elegant and textured, this beauty is an exquisite example of old vine Zinfandel from northern California. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. All of these wines were bottled unrefined and unfiltered.

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2008
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

A reference point offering the 2008 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard exhibits abundant aromas of blackberries, cassis, sweet cherries, and earth as well as blockbuster flavors. Rich and full-bodied with oodles of fruit, a layered texture, a velvety style, and a luscious, concentrated finish, this superb Zinfandel should age nicely for 5-7 years.

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2008
JOLENE'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2008 Zinfandel Jolene's Vineyard reveals a deep ruby/purple hue as well as a perfume of ground pepper, vanilla, barbeque smoke, black cherries, and blackberries. With full body as well as invigorating, fresh acidity, it cuts a broad swath across the palate. It is a fragrant Zinfandel, and the tart acids seem to keep everything in balance. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years.

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2008
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2008 Zinfandel Russian River, a dark ruby/purple-hued effort displaying a big, ripe nose of black raspberries, briery mountain fruit, pepper, spice and earth with a hint of wood smoke in the background. Full-bodied, fleshy, and rich, this impressive Zinfandel can be drunk over the next 4-5 years. Made from an old (some vines are over 100 years of age), dry-farmed, head-trained vineyard.