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POINTS

2018
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Jennifer's Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 34% new, and aged for 14 months. It springs from the glass with impressive lemon curd, lime blossom, sea spray and mandarin peel scents with hints of shaved almonds, green mango and chalk dust. The palate is like a tightly coiled spring with amazing tension and intensity—loads of citrus and mineral layers—finishing very long and zesty.

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POINTS

2018
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Seascape Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 26% new, and aged for 14 months. It needs a little coaxing to reveal restrained notes of lemon meringue pie, lime leaves, struck flint and wet pebbles with touches of coriander seed, orange blossoms and yuzu zest. Medium-bodied, the palate is very crisp, intense and pure with loads of citrus and stone-inspired flavors, finishing very long and zesty. This tight-knit beauty is going to be incredible in another year or two and will drink well for at least 10+ years.

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POINTS

2018
THREE JACKS VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 15% new, and aged for 13 months. It comes bounding out of the glass with exuberant scents of baked apples, poached pears and spice cake with hints of powdered ginger, honeydew melon and brioche. Medium-bodied, delicately played and tightly wound in the mouth, it has great tension and loads of mineral nuances coming through on the finish. Stunning Chardonnay!

95+
POINTS

2018
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Far Coast Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 31% new, and aged for 15 months. It explodes from the glass with gregarious allspice and nutmeg notions over a core of warm peaches, guava and pear tart with suggestions of gingerbread and toast. Medium-bodied, the palate is much more elegant and restrained than the nose suggests, delivering seriously mineral notes and loads of freshness, finishing long and chalky.

95+
POINTS

2018
RADIANT VINEYARD
STA. RITA HILLS
CHARDONNAY

A relatively new label coming from St. Rita Hills, the 2018 Chardonnay Radian Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 30% new, and aged for 14 months. It sashays out of the glass with flamboyant ginger ale and spice cake scents followed by notes of pineapple upside-down cake, orange blossom and fresh pears. Medium-bodied, the palate is packed with pear and stone fruit flavors, delivering great tension, finishing long and spicy.

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POINTS

2018
STONE CÔTE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Stone Côte was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 32% new, and aged for 15 months. It offers a very pretty perfume of honeysuckle, mandarin peel, candied ginger and lemongrass with a core of white peaches, pears and grapefruit. Medium-bodied, elegantly styled and with great freshness, it finishes long and mineral laced.

94+
POINTS

2018
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Fog Dance Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 32% new, and aged for 15 months. It rocks up with open-knit scents of peach cobbler, apple crumble and gingersnap with suggestions of white pepper, almond croissant and oyster shell. Medium-bodied, the palate reveals loads of nuanced layers with a lively line lifting the stone fruit and apple flavors to a long finish.

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POINTS

2018
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD
LOS CARNEROS
CHARDONNAY

The 2018 Chardonnay Sevens Bench Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 18% new, and aged for 15 months. It rolls out of the glass with seductive, spicy notes of allspice and coriander seed over a core of apple pie, ripe peaches and lemon butter with a waft of almonds. Medium-bodied, the palate is tightly wound with loads of chalky sparks and a lively backbone, finishing on a lemon zest note.

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2019
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2019 Chardonnay Four Hearts Vineyard was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 31% new, and aged for 9.5 months. It strides confidently out of the glass with bold, ripe pear and peach notes, plus wafts of pineapple, wet clay, honey toast and fennel seed and a touch of nutmeg. Medium-bodied, the palate is refreshing with a slight phenolic grip to the texture and a long, steely finish.

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2019
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

The 2019 Chardonnay Russian River Valley was 100% barrel fermented in French oak barrels, 26% new, and aged for 9.5 months. It slips slowly, cautiously out of the glass with crushed rocks and sea spray scents over a core of green and yellow apples and Bosc pears plus a hint of marzipan. Medium-bodied, the palate bursts with apple and pear flavors with a racy backbone and savory finish.

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POINTS

2018
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Far Coast Vineyard was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 39% new. A little closed to begin, with coaxing it reveals notes of warm black cherries, black raspberries and kirsch plus touches of mossy tree bark, cumin seed and fragrant soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate offers an impactful expression of red and black berry layers with loads of savory accents and a solid frame of fine-grained tannins, finishing long and earthy.

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POINTS

2018
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 44% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it needs coaxing to reveal notes of crushed stones, tilled earth, fallen leaves and unsmoked cigars with a core of Bing cherries, raspberries and red currants, plus a waft of dried Provence herbs. Medium-bodied, elegant and with fantastic finesse, the palate is silky and refreshing, finishing long and earthy.



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2018
VELVET SISTERS
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Velvet Sisters was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 28% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it gives up the most gorgeous perfume of red roses, Ceylon tea, cinnamon stick and garrigue with a core of kirsch, black raspberries and pomegranate plus a touch of Provence herbs. Medium-bodied, the palate is super intense with a seriously lively backbone and gorgeous plush texture, finishing long and layered.

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POINTS

2018
WARRIOR PRINCESS
EOLA-AMITY HILLS
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Warrior Princess was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 30% new. Medium ruby-purple colored, it springs from the glass with bold expressions of red currant jelly, pomegranate, rhubarb and wild thyme followed by hints of lavender, underbrush and tobacco leaf. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is tight-knit and intense, featuring loads of mineral and earth layers with a firm, grainy frame and long, energetic finish.

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POINTS

2018
DOCKER HILL
MENDOCINO COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

This is a new vineyard source for Hartford Court, located in Mendocino County. The 2018 Pinot Noir Docker Hill was aged for 15 months in French oak barrels, 28% new. It gives up gregarious notes of raspberry preserves, Morello cherries and red currants with suggestions of underbrush, lavender and bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has great tension and is wonderfully nuanced with loads of red berry and earthy layers textured by fine-grained tannins, finishing with a lively lift.

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POINTS

2018
MARIN COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Marin County was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 44% new. Pale ruby-purple colored, it leaps from the glass with vibrant black raspberries, pomegranate and Bing cherries notes followed by nuances of underbrush, wild sage and truffles. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegant and refreshing with tightly wound red berry and earthy layers and fine-grained tannins, finishing with an herbal lift.

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POINTS

2018
JENNIFER'S
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Jennifer's was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 35% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it bursts with juicy raspberries, Morello cherries and pomegranate notes plus hints of rhubarb, dried Provence herbs and lavender. Medium-bodied, the palate is soft-spoken and elegantly played with a plush texture and lively finish.

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POINTS

2018
FIDDLESTIX VINEYARD
STA. RITA HILLS
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Fiddlestix Vineyard was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 29% new. Pale ruby-purple colored, it opens with a lovely seaweed and green tea character over a core of kirsch, Black Forest cake and mulberries with touches of garrigue and dried herbs. Medium-bodied, the palate is both elegant and intense with bold freshness and grainy tannins, finishing with a lingering herbal lift.

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POINTS

2018
MACLEAN'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir MacLean's Block was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 32% new. It needs a little swirling to reveal classic notes of black and red cherries, warm raspberries and chocolate box with hints of menthol, tilled loam and cloves. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is laden with red berry and earthy layers, supported by soft tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a lingering minty note.

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POINTS

2018
TRULY RITA
STA. RITA HILLS
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Truly Rita was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 14% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it rolls out of the glass with upfront blackberries, black raspberries and red currants notes with hints of violets, dark chocolate, bay leaves and tilled soil. Medium to full-bodied with tons of muscular, taut black berry layers framed by a lively backbone and grainy tannins, it finishes long and savory.

92+
POINTS

2018
HAILEY'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Hailey's Block was aged for 16 months in French oak barrels, 36% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it leaps from the glass with flamboyant scents of blackberries and black raspberries with hints of chocolate-covered cherries, saffras, cracked black pepper and tilled soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate explodes with crunchy black berry layers, supported by velvety tannins and tons of freshness, finishing earthy.

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POINTS

2018
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Land's Edge Vineyards was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 31% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, it bursts from the glass with bold expressions of black cherries, mulberries and wild blueberries plus suggestions of tobacco leaf, fragrant earth and lilacs. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed with freshly crushed red and blue fruits, supported by grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing on a lingering mineral note.

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POINTS

2018
SEVENS BENCH VINEYARD
LOS CARNEROS
PINOT NOIR

The 2018 Pinot Noir Sevens Bench Vineyard was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 37% new. Pale to medium ruby-purple in color, it bursts with notes of red currant jelly, black cherries and mulberries plus exotic touches of cumin seed, cloves and cardamom. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with red and black berry flavors, framed by grainy tannins, finishing long and spicy.

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POINTS

2019
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

The 2019 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 27% new. It delivers vibrant notes of black cherries, kirsch and mulberries with suggestions of garrigue and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is chock-full of ripe, juicy black and red berry flavors, supported by soft tannins, finishing with a lively red berry kick.



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2018
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Coming from 100-year-old vines, half of the Highwire vineyard parcel is head-trained and half is trained on a high wire, permitting greater sun exposure and promoting even ripening. The 2018 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard was aged in French oak, 51% new, for 10 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, the nose is a little closed and broody to begin, giving way to notes of black cherry compote, blueberry pie and raisin cake followed by nuances of garrigue, fragrant soil, white pepper and bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is lively and chock-full of juicy black fruits, supported by chewy tannins, finishing long and peppery.

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POINTS

2018
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Coming from vines planted over 100 years ago, which have been trained up to chest level to increase air circulation and sun exposure to the berries, the 2018 Zinfandel Fanucchi-Wood Road Vineyard was aged in French oak, 50% new, for 10 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, it skips out of the glass with notes of red currant jelly, raspberry pie and wild blueberries plus touches of stewed plums, wild sage and tilled soil with a waft of cast iron pan. Full-bodied, the palate has beautiful elegance and fine-grained tannins with a lively backbone lifting the pure black and blue fruit flavors to a long finish.

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POINTS

2018
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Don and Jennifer Hartford tend this head-trained, 100+-year-old vineyard in the backyard of their home. The 2018 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard was aged in French oak, 56% new, for 10 months. Deep garnet-purple in color, it has a very peppery/spicy nose to begin—cinnamon, cloves and cardamom—with a core of blackberry pie, blueberry compote and warm plums plus touches of hoisin and unsmoked cigars. Full-bodied and laden with exotic spice and black fruit preserves layers, the generous fruit is well supported by velvety tannins and lovely freshness, finishing long and opulent.

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POINTS

2018
JOLENE'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

From head-trained vines more than 100 years old, the 2018 Zinfandel Jolene's Vineyard was aged in French oak, 28% new, for nine months. Medium garnet-purple colored, it opens with notions of blackberry pie, fruitcake and plum preserves plus hints of Indian spices, sandalwood and fragrant earth with a waft of black loam. Full-bodied, rich, spicy and chock-full of black and blue fruit, it has a chewy texture and loads of freshness, finishing with epic length.

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POINTS

2018
DINA'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard was aged in French oak, 56% new, for 10 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, it has a wonderfully fragrant nose of red roses, spice box, tilled earth and truffles with a core of prunes, blackberry preserves and kirsch, plus a waft of licorice. Full-bodied, concentrated and wonderfully structured, it has a firm, grainy backbone and long, layered and refreshing finish.

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POINTS

2018
WINBERRIE KNOLLS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

The 2018 Zinfandel Winberrie Knolls was sourced from 100+-year-old vines coming from two vineyards farmed by Don and Jenny Hartford's neighbors. It was aged in French oak, 33% new, for 10 months. Medium garnet-purple colored, it charges out of the gate with rambunctious notes of raspberry pie, blackberry preserves, and blueberry compote followed by nuances of Chinese five spice, black pepper and clove oil with a waft of plum sauce. Full-bodied, the palate is packed with spicy black fruit preserves plus a chewy texture and lively backbone, finishing long and exotic.

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2019
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

The 2019 Zinfandel Russian River Valley was aged in French oak, 40% new, for 10 months. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it slowly emerges from the glass with notions of wild blueberries, black raspberries and raspberry pie plus hints of potpourri, incense, rose petals and hoisin. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is velvety and refreshing, featuring loads of baking spice and floral layers, finishing on an earthy note.