

# HARTFORD

## ZINFANDEL RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 2017

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

The Hartford Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a blend of old-vine, dry-farmed and low yielding Zinfandel vineyards from the Russian River Valley. These old vineyards (average vineyard age is over 100 years) offer an impressive expression of this idiosyncratic varietal. Zinfandel grown in the Russian River Valley is distinctive due to a cool maritime influence. Bright, natural acidity and vibrant fruit aromas and flavors are a result of typically cool fog-laden nights and warm days. These dry-farmed vineyards, planted on low-fertility soils consistently produce wines of exceptional density and extraction.

### WINEMAKING

To preserve exotic spice and bright berry flavors, we use the same gentle handling techniques for making Zinfandel that we use with Pinot Noir:

- All hand harvested with hand sorting of both clusters and berries at the winery
- Pre-fermentation cold soak, indigenous yeast fermentations in small open-top fermenters
- Aged for 10 months in all French oak barrels
- No fining or filtration

These artisan winemaking techniques allow the varietal character of Zinfandel to show through and express the Russian River Valley terroir.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Hartford Russian River Valley Zinfandel is showing aromas of ripe plum, blackberry, black cherry which are highlighted with hints of white pepper and allspice. Blueberry, red raspberry, nutmeg and mocha flavors lead into a long, bright finish with supple tannins.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 51% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Alcohol:	15.6%
TA:	6.8 g/L
pH:	3.52

### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2016:	“Outstanding”	93 points	<i>Wine Spectator</i> , T.F. Online 2018
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2016:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2017
2016:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Antonio Galloni’s <i>Vinous</i> , April 2018
2016:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Jeb Dunnuck.com, June 2018
2015:	“Outstanding”	94 points	#21 Wine in the World - Top 200 list 2017 <i>Wine Spectator</i> , T.F. June 2017
2015:	“Outstanding”	94 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , April 2017
2015:	“Outstanding”	94 points	Antonio Galloni’s <i>Vinous</i>
2014:	“Outstanding”	93 points	#10 Wine in the World - Top 200 list 2016 <i>Wine Spectator</i> , T.F. June 2016
2014:	“Outstanding”	94 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , October 2015
2014:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Antonio Galloni’s <i>Vinous</i> , February 2016
2013:	“Outstanding”	93 points	Antonio Galloni’s <i>Vinous</i> , February 2015
2012:	“Outstanding”	91 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2013
2011:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Stephen Tanzer’s <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May/June 2013
2010:	“Outstanding”	90 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2012
2009:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Stephen Tanzer’s <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2011
2008:	“Outstanding”	95 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2010
2007:	“Outstanding”	93 points	Stephen Tanzer’s <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2009
2007:	“Outstanding”	92 points	<i>The Wine Spectator</i> , June 2009

