



HARTFORD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2018

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Hartford Family Winery proprietors Don and Jenny Hartford tend this 100+ year-old vineyard located on seven acres along Wood Road in the Russian River AVA of Sonoma County. The vineyard is head-pruned and produces low yields of about one ton per acre. Most vines produce only several clusters of intensely flavored grapes each year.

Wood Road has well-drained, low-fertility, sandy loam soils about two to three feet in depth over deeper layers of compacted sandy loam and clay. Since the Italian immigrants who planted the Wood Road Vineyard in the early 1900's wanted to ensure long vine life and moisture for their dry-farmed vines, they placed a blasting cap where each vine was to be planted to break through the compacted layer. Today we continue to enjoy the fruits of their ingenuity and celebrate the legacy of "dynamite" Zinfandels. The Hartford Vineyard has been farmed using organic practices since 2004.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Hartford Vineyard is an elegant and powerful Zinfandel with blackberry, boysenberry and allspice aromas, which are echoed on the palate. Black cherry flavors are balanced by subtle fennel and dried herb notes alongside a spicy, cinnamon stick finish. The well-integrated tannins extend the complex flavors, giving the wine great length.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 46% new
Time in oak:	9 months
Alcohol:	16.0%
TA:	6.4 g/L
pH:	3.62
Cases produced:	245
Yeast:	Native
Unfined and unfiltered	

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2018	94 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2020
2018	93 points	Tim Fish, <i>Wine Spectator</i> , March 2020
2017	95 points	Jeb Dunnock, <i>jebdunnock.com</i> , June 2019
2017	94 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , May 2019
2017	92 Points	Tim Fish, <i>Wine Spectator</i> , June 2019
2017	93 points	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2020
2016	95 points	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , October 2018
2016	95 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , April 2018
2015	95 points	L.P.-B., <i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , October 2016
2015	93 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , March 2017
2014	95 points	<i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , October 2015
2014	95 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , February 2016
2013	95 points	<i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , December 2014
2013	94 points	Antonio Galloni, <i>Vinous</i> , January 2015
2011	93 points	<i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , April 2013
2011	92 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2013
2009	90 points	<i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2012
2009	92 points	Stephen Tanzer, <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2011
2008	95 points	<i>Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate</i> , February 2010

