



HARTFORD  
COURT

# RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

## CHARDONNAY

2020

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 2020 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay is sourced from a collection of small vineyards located throughout the Russian River Valley AVA. These vineyards are a combination of our Estate properties such as Jennifer's, Fog Dance, Bellflower, and Arrendell as well as a handful of our neighbors' vineyards located in the heart of the Russian River Valley. The sites express the essence of the Russian River Valley by showcasing the best of the sub-regions within our AVA:

- Middle Reach* – Ripe fruits, honeysuckle and jasmine characters.
- Green Valley* – Citrus, lemon drop candy and green apple aromas and flavors.
- Laguna Ridge* – Baked apple and pear, layered texture, crystallized ginger finish.
- Sebastopol Hills* – Bright citrus oil aromatics with focused acidity and lemon-lime flavors.
- Santa Rosa Plains* – Rich citrus and apple aromas with round, long texture.

Each sub-region brings complexity and character to the final blend.

### WINEMAKING

Our winemaking is focused on artisan techniques:

- All hand harvested at night or early morning.
- Whole cluster pressing
- Indigenous yeast barrel fermentations in all French oak barrels (28% new).
- Aged for 10 months, weekly lees stirring through malo-lactic fermentation.
- No fining and minimal filtration.

These gentle handling techniques help promote fruit intensity, greater complexity and a wine with balance and elegance.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay offers subtle aromas of jasmine flower, citrus oil, green apple and pear. The elegant aromatics are complemented by fresh kiwi, lemon drop and green apple flavors. The fruit focused mid-palate is followed by subtle mineral notes and a hint of crystallized ginger in the finish.

### WINE STATISTICS

Barrel fermented in 100 % French oak; 28% new

Time in Oak: 9.5 months  
 TA: 5.5 g/L  
 pH: 3.43  
 Alcohol: 14.5%

### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2019: **91 points** K.M., *Wine Spectator*, December 2021
- 2019: **94 points** V.B., *Wine Enthusiast*, November 2021
- 2019: **91 points** A.G., *Vinous*, July 2021
- 2019: **93 points** J.D., *JebDunnuck.com*, July 2021
- 2019: **91 points** L.P.-B, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, January 2021
- 2018: **94 points** V.B., *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2020
- 2018: **91+ points** L.P.-B, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, February 2020
- 2017: **94 points** J.D., *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2019
- 2016: **92 points** L.P.-B, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, October 2018
- 2016: **93 points** V.B., *Wine Enthusiast*, August 2018

