



# HARTFORD

## HIGHWIRE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

2021

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

Over 100 years old, the Highwire Vineyard takes its name from the vineyard's trellising systems: half of the parcel is head trained and half is trained on a high wire trellis strung between each vine. This trellising method was implemented by the previous vineyard owners, Lloyd and Dee Chelli, in the 1970's to permit greater sun exposure and promote even ripening. Both sections of the vineyard are harvested and aged separately to ensure that we capture all characteristics of the Highwire Vineyard Zinfandel. Cool nights in the Russian River Valley help retain bright acidity, while double sorting removes less ripe berries and raisins, retaining a fresh fruit focus. The Chelli family cared deeply for the old vines behind their home for nearly 50 years. Their dedicated approach to farming is carried on by Hartford Family Winery, as we purchased the Highwire Vineyard from the Chelli's in 2018 when they decided to retire from day-to-day farming. This care is reflected in the character of the wines produced from this Heritage vineyard.

### TASTING NOTES

Consistently distinctive cracked white pepper nuances differentiate the Highwire single-vineyard from our other Zinfandel bottlings. Concentrated licorice, blackberry and boysenberry fruit aromas and flavors are also a signature of this vineyard, which complement the dark chocolate and sappy dark fruit nuances that linger in the youthful finish.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak: 100% French oak, 50% new  
Time in oak: 9 months  
Yeast: Native  
Alcohol: 15.6%  
TA: 6.6 g/L  
pH: 3.44  
Cases produced: 325  
Unfined and unfiltered

### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2019: **96 points** V.B., *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2021  
2019: **94 points** T.F., *Wine Spectator*, May 2022  
2019: **94 points** J.D., *JebDunnuck.com*, July 2021  
2019: **94 points** A.G., *Vinous*, July 2021  
2019: **93 points** E.B., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, July 2022  
2018: **95+ points** L.P.-B., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, January 2021  
2018: **96 points** V.B., *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2020  
2018: **94 points** A.G., *Vinous*, April 2020  
2018: **94 points** T.F., *Wine Spectator*, March 2020  
2017: **94 points** L.P.-B., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, February 2020  
2017: **93 points** A.G., *Vinous*, May 2019  
2017: **93 points** T.F., *Wine Spectator*, June 2019  
2017: **92 points** J.D., *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2019  
2016: **97 points** J.D., *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2018  
2016: **97 points** L.P.-B., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, October 2018  
2016: **96 points** A.G., *Vinous*, April 2018  
2015: **96 points** L.P.-B., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, April 2017  
2015: **93 points** A.G., *Vinous*, March 2017  
2014: **96 points** R.M.P. Jr., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, October 2015  
2014: **93+ points** A.G., *Vinous*, February 2016  
2013: **93+ points** A.G., *Vinous*, January 2015  
2012: **95 points** R.M.P. Jr., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, December 2013  
2011: **92 points** A.G., *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, April 2013

