



HARTFORD
COURT

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

PINOT NOIR

2013

VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 2013 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Pinot Noir comes from a collection of small vineyards located throughout the Russian River Valley AVA. These vineyards are a combination of our Estate properties such as Fog Dance, Hailey's Block, MacLean's Block 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:

Green Valley – Keen acidity, spice, red fruits, blood orange.

Laguna Ridge – Dark berry and cherry aromas and flavors, subtle loamy character.

Sebastopol Hills – Dark color, purple flowers, Indian spices and precise mouth feel.

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

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blackberries, blueberry, and nutmeg are followed by flavors of Bing cherries, wild raspberries, dark plum and allspice. The dense entry is followed by a sweet and juicy mouth feel, supported by acidity, silky tannins and a subtle earthy finish.

WINE STATISTICS

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Oak: | 100 % French Oak; 30 % new |
| Time in Oak: | 11 months |
| TA: | 5.7 g/L |
| pH: | 3.61 |
| Alcohol: | 14.5 % |

HISTORIC ACCLAIM

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|--|
| 2011: | "Wine Pick" | Lettie Teague's Wine Pick, The Wall Street Journal, May 2013 |
| 2010: | "Four Stars" | 91 points , Beverage Dynamics, September 2012 |

WINEMAKING

Our winemaking is focused on artisan techniques:

- 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 11 months in all French oak barrels (30% new)
- Minimal or no fining and filtration

These gentle handling techniques help promote a silky mouth feel, greater complexity and a fresher fruit focus.

