



HARTFORD COURT RUSSIAN RIVER CHARDONNAY 2014

Appellation: Russian River Valley, California; USA

Winemaker: Jeff Stewart
Closure: Cork
Alcohol: 14.5%



Vineyard

The Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay is from small, high quality vineyards located in the Russian River Valley AVA. These vineyards are a combination of our estate properties, as well as a handful of growers and neighbors who carefully nurture their sustainably farmed vineyards located in the 'Laguna Ridge,' 'Middle Reach' and Green Valley areas of Russian River Valley.

Tasting Notes

The 2014 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay offers subtle aromas of jasmine flower, citrus oil, ripe apple and pear. The elegant aromatics are complemented by fresh kiwi, lemon drop and Pippin apple flavors. The fruit focused mid-palate is followed by subtle mineral notes and a hint of crystalized ginger in the finish.

Winery

Hartford Court is the single vineyard premium bottling of the Hartford Family Winery, founded in 1993 by Don and Jennifer Hartford, through their love of the wines, the people and the unique vineyards near their Russian River Valley home. They were one of the pioneers of planting vineyards along the rugged Sonoma Coast AVA. Their goal is to produce intensely concentrated pinot noir and chardonnay from the small, low yielding, high risk, high reward vineyards.

Stats

Cooperage: 10 months in 100% French oak, 22% new
TA: 5.5 g/l
pH: 3.5

Winemaking

Our winemaking is focused on artisan techniques:

All grapes are hand harvested at night or early morning, whole cluster pressing, indigenous yeast barrel fermentations in all French oak barrels, aged for 10 months, weekly lees stirring through malolactic fermentation, minimal or no fining and filtration.

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

