

HARTFORD COURT RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR 2013

Appellation: Russian River, California; USA

Winemaker: Jeff Stewart Closure: Cork Alcohol: 14.5%



Vineyard

The 2013 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Pinot Noir comes from our small estate vineyards located throughout the Russian River Valley AVA, complemented by a handful of neighbour's 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. 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.

Winemakers Notes

Hand-harvested and hand-sorted at the cluster level, de-stemmed but not crushed, sorted again at the berry level and then fermented in small open-top, temperature controlled stainless steel fermentors using 'wild' (or 'indigenous') yeasts. Aged for 11 months in French oak barrels, 30% new, gentle handling techniques help promote a silky mouth feel, greater complexity and a fresher fruit focus.

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: 11 months in 100% French oak, 30% new

<u>TA:</u> 5.7 g/l <u>pH:</u> 3.61

